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Check out this year's memories in your DC Guide!

Say good-bye to the Class of 2006 and get ready for the all the drama and comedy of the underclassmen! Here's a recap of all the hot gossip, thrilling events and other tidbits of juicy information that happened at Dominican over the 2005-06 school year.

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DC GUIDE

"If you stay tuned in, you'll never be missing out"

It's a Dominican Thing

What's on DC TV this

Have you ever felt like your life was a soap opera? If your life were made into a TV show, who would star as you? Our staff pondered these questions and more as we worked on this year's Aubade, and "The DC Guide" evolved into our yearbook theme.

"What's on DC TV" is our interpretation of the student body here at Dominican. Why? Well, because so much of our lives play out like television...the good, the bad and the ugly! All the necessary components are there: the alliances, the betrayals, sports, news, friendships, fights, drama, comedy, suspense, love, and sometimes, even a little inspiration along the way.

Each new season seems to have a breakout star, or a slogan to remind us of that year. For example, rememberSurvivor's famous last words:"The tribe has spoken" or Donald Trump pompously uttering the phrase: "You're fired!"? Coining this season's DCTV catch phrase: "I'll connect you!", is Dominican's own Dot O'Callahan, our trusted switchboard operator. We think her powerful statement is really at the very heart of what Dominican College is all about.

In our eighty years located in Blauvelt, New York, the popular "channels" may change over time, but the same kinds of shows always capture our attention–the ones with rich characters, intricate plots and a few surprises along the way. Dominican represents all of those things, keeping us tuned and coming back in year after year.

Dot O'Callahan

DC GUIDE'S

2006 DEDICATION

Can you place this face? In an age when network line ups change every week and technology rules our lives, it's easy to feel out of touch and disconnected from everything. In the minds of the Aubade staff, Dominican's own Dot O'Callahan has come to represent the personal touch that continues to make our college such a special place. Pick up the phone any Monday through Wednesday afternoon and no matter what or who you're looking for at Dominican, Dot will hook you up! With her trademark expression : "I'll connect you!", Dot gives us all the warm reminder of how easy it to stay connected at our school, and how important it is to assist others in making those connections. Dot has been a member of the Dominincan College family for twenty years, beginning in 1986 as a secretary in the Continuing Education office. In 2002, she became that friendly, familiar voice on the other as our switchbord operator. As our inspiration, we salute you, Dot!

Hot List 7 Events

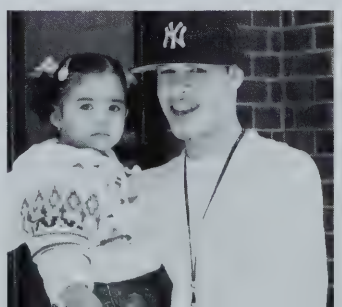
Hurricane Katrina

This Just In...

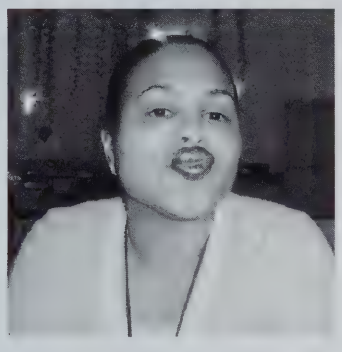
The most tragic event of 2006 was Hurricane Katrina. Images of the destruction and human misery left in the storm's wake motivated people from all around the country to take action. In this issue, you will be able to learn more about the hurricane and it's aftermath from an interview that was conducted with Dominican's own Admissions Counselor, Rob Tyrrell. Rob had the chance to go down to New Orleans and help with the relief effort.

Family Day

One of the biggest social events of the fall semester is Family Day, a Fall Festival event that welcomes the family and friends of our Dominican College students to campus. Organized by the Peer Advisors and the Freshman Year Office, it also brings together our faculty and staff, who often bring their own families to the day's activities. This year, the event was held in early October and was a day filled with fun events for kids of all ages!



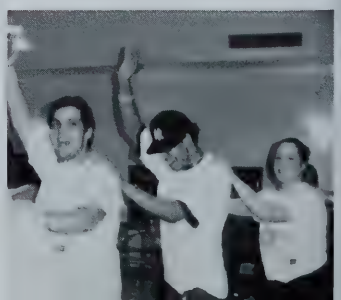
Talent Show



Sing, dance, step, strut, rhyme or role play...The Annual Student and Alumni Talent Show is a great opportunity for our current students, alumni and faculty to shine a light on the multitude of different gifts and talents they possess. It's one of the highlights of the year! An extra- special part of the evening features a fashion show which showcases our students sporting the latest trends of the season.

Relay for Life

Relay for Life, an annual walk for cancer research and survivors, was held this year at Dominican College. Two other schools from Rockland County, St. Thomas Aquinas and Rockland Community College also participated in this wonderful event. The Relay was held in the Granito Center and many DC students from athletic teams and clubs joined forces to raise funds and awareness for an important cause.



That Shouldn't Be Missed

Footloose

Where would you find cowboy hats, giant, lit-up eyes, our Director of Student Activities Jessica Flores in roller skates and a group of friends "just dying to dance", all in one place? At the Aquin Players musical production of Footloose, of course! A talented cast and crew came together this year and had great chemistry: the audience loved it! Check out the highlights on pages 25-26.

The Dinner Dance

Each year, Dominican College hosts a dinner dance in honor of Joe Kretchik, a former member of the DC Lackmann community who tragically passed away. Students and staff come out to support his family and dance the night away. The evening is filled with a spirit of community, wonderful food and great music. This year's theme: "Hollywood Nights" brought out the glamourous side of our students and made everyone feel like a star.

Dating Auction

Organized by the Peer Advisors each Spring, the Dating Auction is one of the most anticipated events of the year! Students bid for a date with another student, knowing that the proceeds will be given to charity. Following the auction, a candlelight dinner for the couples is held in Granito to celebrate the winning bids. The profits raised from this event are donated a very worthy cause.

Katrina: The Eye of the Storm

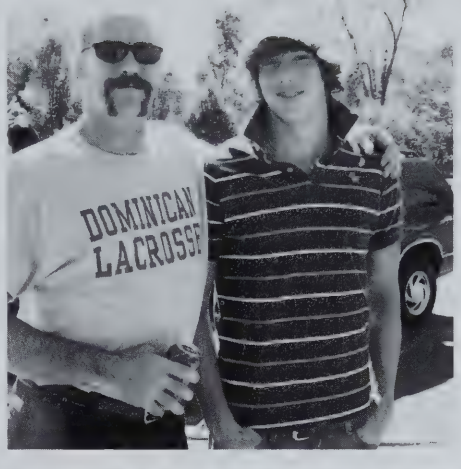
On Thursday August 29, 2006 one of the most damaging and severe hurricanes in our nation's history hit the city of New Orleans and the entire Gulf Coast region of the United States. Hurricane Katrina swept away homes and whole communities, leaving thousands of people with nowhere to live. What was once a region rich in culture, music and beauty quickly became a testament to the shattered lives and tradegy left behind in the wake of the disaster. Throughout the past year, many people around the country volunteered to help those affected recover and rebuild their lives. Robert Tyrrell, one of DC's Admissions Counselors, was among those who made the journey, committed to making a difference. It was in those days that Rob experienced first-hand the devastation that everyone had been seeing on television for months. Rob, along with good friend Chris Fikins, traveled as alumni from St. Bonaventure University to Mississippi on March 4-11, 2006. Rob embraced the experience with much support from his family and the DC community. While many opened their wallets to help, Rob also opened his heart and gave his time, energy and enthusiasm, giving help and hope to people in need. What a DC all-star!

"This experience will never leave me; I applaud the people of New Orleans and Mississippi who have come back from this disaster. I applaud the volunteers who have given their time. It breaks my heart to have experienced this, and I hope that our presence made coming back at least a little bit easier" -Rob Tyrrell, DC Admissions Counselor

FAMILY DAY/FALL FEST 2006

The people we consider to be family are often the most important people in our lives. Sometimes we are born into them, other times, we create our own families by surrounding ourselves with a treasured circle of friends and colleagues. This is the spirit of Family Day at Dominican. Each Fall, the Freshman Year Office and the Office of Student Activities host a "festival" of friendship and activities for the entire college community.

For many freshmen, Family Day marks the first time they bring their relatives from home to meet their new circle of friends at college. Peer advisors, Dominican faculty, staff and administrators all come together to lend a hand and make the day extra special. Everyone pitches in to create that "feeling right at home" welcoming atmosphere that DC is known so well for. From crafts to games, sports and activities, it was a day for our students, their siblings and parents to celebrate the best connections DC has to offer. As these smiling faces clearly show, there was plenty of family affection and fun to go around this year!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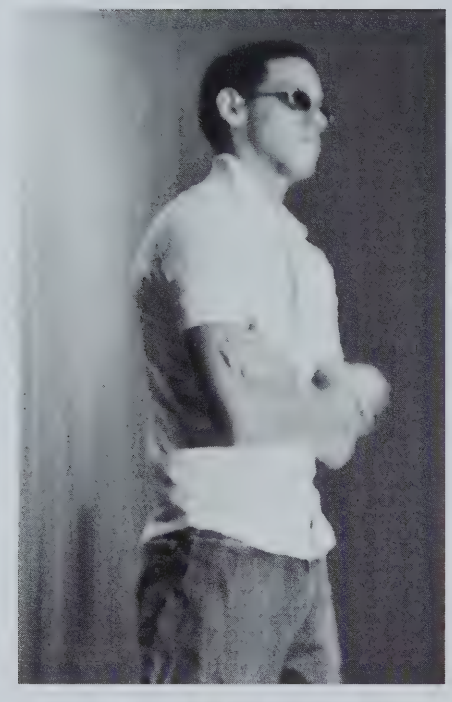
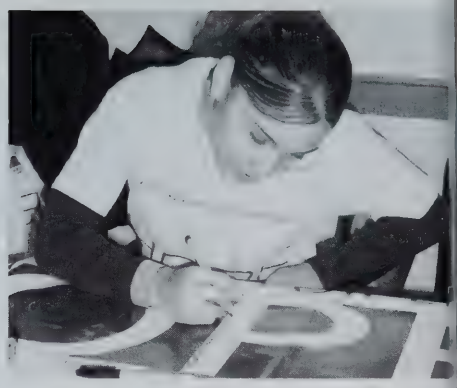


Dominican Idol

Where the best and the brightest wanna-be stars shine!

Relay for Life 2006



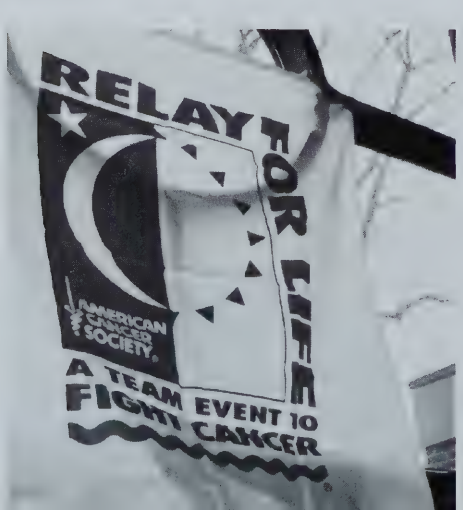
Relay for Life is an event that gives teams of friends and co-workers the opportunity to bond together while raising funds to fight cancer. This year's Relay for Life took place from February 24-25 at Dominican College in the Granito Center. The Relay was a combined effort for the students, administration, faculty, and staff from Dominican College, St. Thomas Aquinas College, and Rockland Community College. Teams consisted of athletes, different student clubs, circles of friends and families. One team was solely made up of DC College administrators.

One of the highlights of the two-day event was the "Survivor Lap", where cancer survivors walk in celebration of life and their triumph over this disease. During the Luminary Ceremony, those who succumbed to cancer were remembered by those who attended the Relay.

The 2nd Annual College Relay for Life raised over $17, 000, surpassing their goal of $15,000! Dominican College alone raised more than $9,000 and had over 110 participants. Without the overwhelming support of the college community, this event would not have been the success that it was.

The DiSiena Family joins the fun during the Relay.

Hal Renaudo and James Gilardo take a break from the festivities.



The luminaries serve as a reminder of the lives lost to cancer.

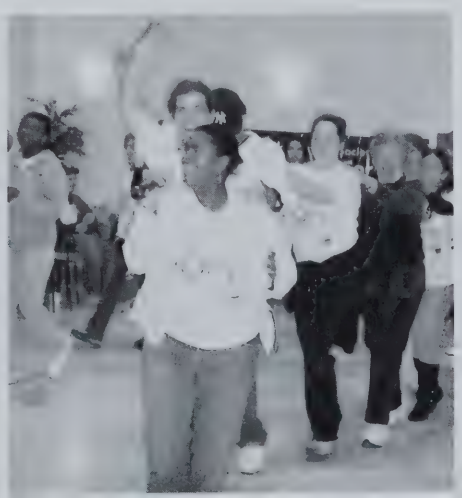
Dominican Soccer players sign one of the many banners that were made in honor of the event.

Sister Barbara spreads her usual cheer and dances with some of the students.

Many students were moved to appreciate their friendships more. Here, Dave Parisi shares a hug during the Relay.

Jessica Flores shares her sunshine and welcomes everyone with a smile.

Some staff members really took the opportunity to demonstrate their school spirit and some DC pride. Cindy Schnieder, sure painted a pretty picture!



Emcee Natasha Brown kept her enthusiasm and energy up by leading the group in a conga line.

Relay for Life

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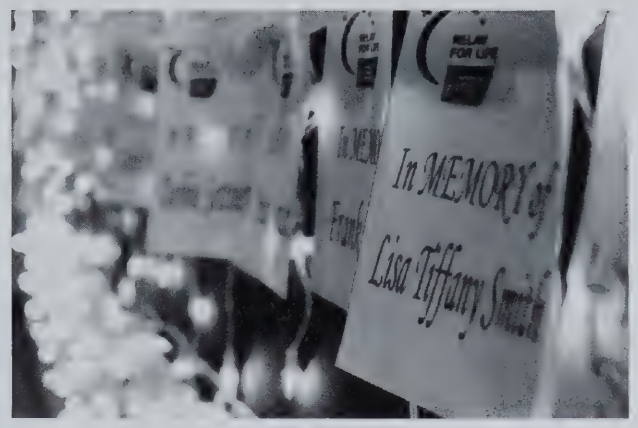
The teams of Relay for Life and their captains also deserve a special thank you. Their enthusiasm and determination contributed to the central goal of Relay for Life, which is to celebrate survivorship, remember those who have succumbed to cancer, and to raise money for research and programs of the American Cancer Society to fight this disease: Bab's Kids captains Joe Sullivan and Kristen Newman, Dynasty Steppers captain Viviana Hernandez, Early Bird Specials captain Amy Bianco, Helping Hands captain David Parisi, DC Misfits captain Joe Scarano, Men's Soccer captain Brent Gaylord, Women's Soccer captains Stacey Ryan, Kerrianne Rogers, and Angela Correia, Women's Softball captain Danielle Gornie, Women's Volleyball captain Meghan Earl, and Student Government Association captain Vanessa Feliciano.


In MEMORY of
Lisa Tiffany Smith

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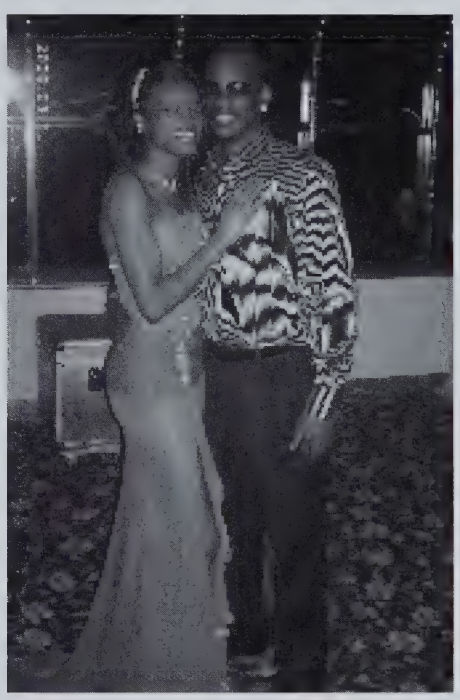
Hollywood Nights

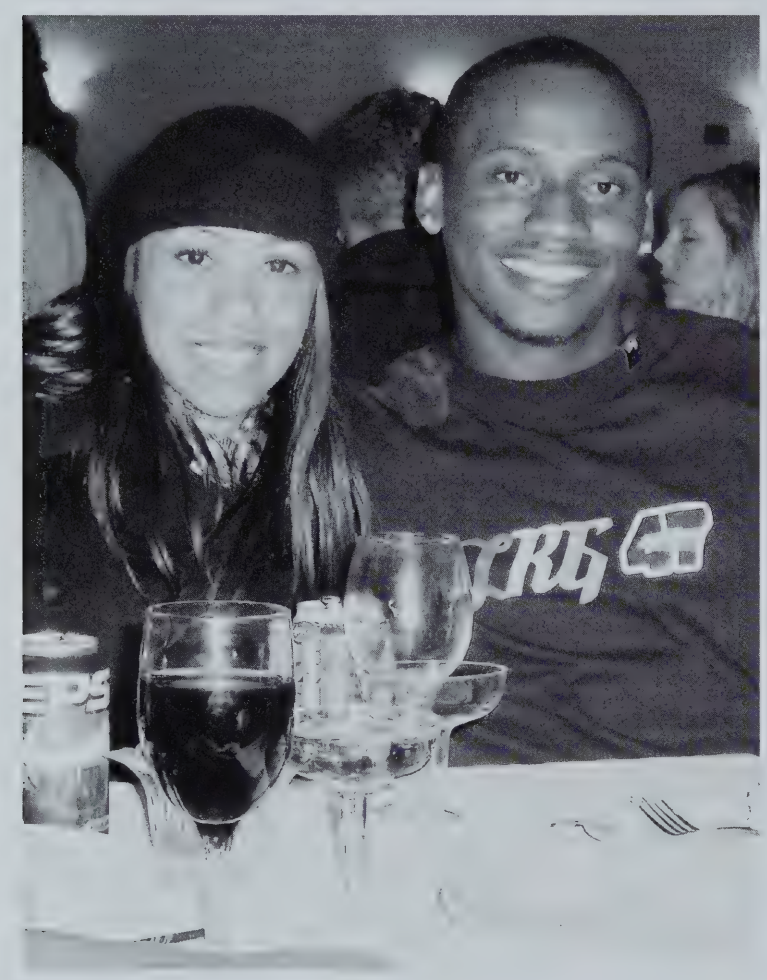
An annual dinner dance to celebrate the life and memory of Joe Kretchik, a man who was dedicated in serving the students of Dominican College.



SUNSET BLVD
VINE STREET

Love is in the air as the excited crowd waits for the bidding to begin.

Mariann shows off her winning smile while awaiting her date to arrive.



Derrick and Felicia seem like the cutest couple!

Owen's dream is to have dinner with a future president!

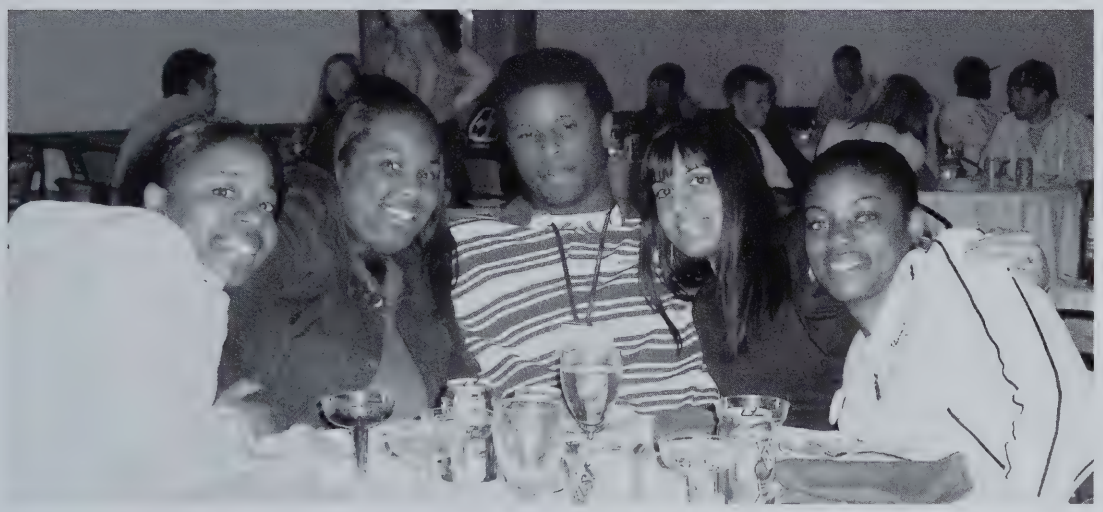
Sheila outbid everyone for a date with Joey D.

Peer Advisors' Dating Auction

Stephan, looking a little nervous, wonders how his evening is going to go...

Kelly Rocco got into the spirit of the evening by sharing a meal with a friend.

The Dominican College Step team pooled their funds to win a date with Damon Davis.



Hugs and smiles were free before the auction got underway.

One of the most anticipated and exciting events of the year at DC is the Dating Auction. This enormous undertaking was coordinated by the Freshman Year Peer Advisors, who recruited a variety of "beautiful people" around the campus to inspire some creative fundraising: volunteers agreed to serve as "Dream Dates" for the night for a very worthy cause.

Student leaders, athletes and a few other shy-but-brave souls put themselves on the block for an enthusiastic crowd in the Granito Center. As each volunteer took the stage, the packed crowd cheered and was enticed into a bidding frenzy by the auctioneers, Peer Advisors Judy Joseph and Natasha Brown.

Laughter and encouragement were balanced with a sense of purpose: the opportunity to truly make a difference. All proceeds generated were donated to the Make A Wish Foundation to help terminally ill children see their favorite wishes come true. Once again, the Dominican community came together for a fun-filled but meaningful experience!

Everybody Cut, Everybody Cut!

Footloose final dance number.

Cast members showcasing the moves that they learned.

Rusty, Ariel, Wendy Jo and Urleen, start off the final number.

Cut Footloose!

This year, the Aquin Players were comprised of both alumni and current students of Dominican College. This year's production of Footloose was one of the best performances St. Dominic's stage has seen yet. The cast and crew were phenominal and had great chemistry both on and off stage. They worked hard three days a week for four hours a night to make the production perfect. The cast coudn't have pulled it off without the help of Jim Fillipelli, Melissa Lucido and Jimmy Q. When it was all over the Aquin Players raised over $1000 in ticket sales alone. Thank you to all those who supported and helped the Aquin Players throughout the years. We couldn't have done it without you!

Cast of Characters:

Rev. Shaw Moore	Chris Guarnuccio
Ariel Moore	Katie Britney
Vi Moore	Gina Cassanova
Ren McCormack	Erik Alba
Ethel McCormack	Jade Watkins
Willard	Felder Lozandier
Urleen	Natasha Brown
Wendy Jo	Tina Toro
Rusty	Valerie Ellie
Principal Clark	Steven Laboy

The Cast of Footloose.

Felder Lozandier, who played Willard, shows off his dance moves during one of the dance numbers.

HERTEL HALL

CAMPUS LIFE

Dominican College is more than just a school...it's a community!

It's the kind of place where people grow and change but friendships stay the same. It's a place where everyone knows everyone, but somehow, you always find a way to discover something that surprises you. It's where a small college reflects a world rich with diversity through the eyes of its students and staff. It's a place to lose yourself and find yourself and experience every drama-filled moment of campus life in between! Like any good reality television show, our campus life characters and episodes keep you coming back for more!

Peer Advisors 2006

Working tirelessly to help the freshmen adjust to college life means spending a lot of time together, so peers develop close friendships througout the year. Pictured left to Right: Kristin,Sean and Judy with the Assistant Director of Admissions, Joette Yore; Sean and Natasha; and Tara and Natasha.

Stuck in the middle of nowhere, Joe remembers a few ghost stories during the Peer Advisor Retreat.

There's a lot to be [illegible] set up the Dating Auction! Above inset, Frank, Judy, Meghan and Tara show off the bidding panels just before the doors open on the big night. To the left, Meghan and Judy are all smiles at the Winning Couple's Dinner.. the hard work was definitely all worth it!

Gillian gets ready for a food show at breakfast at the Peer Advisor Retreat.

Sean, Katie and Meghan (above), and Joe and Judy (pictured to the right) found time for fun during Family Day 2005

Cotton candy brought out the little kid in Judy at Family Day.

Despite the stress, Natasha knows it's the toughest job she'll ever love!

Gillian and Tommy take a break from the Family Day festivities with Assistant Freshmen Year Director, Christie Cruse.

Tara, Kristin, Meghan, Frank and Katie show that they can handle any freshmen crisis!

Tommy and Sean were ready to give the freshmen a shoulder to lean on at Orientation!

Frank's crazy antics could always be counted for any activity that called for a peer to wear costume, as the four-photo montage below clearly shows!

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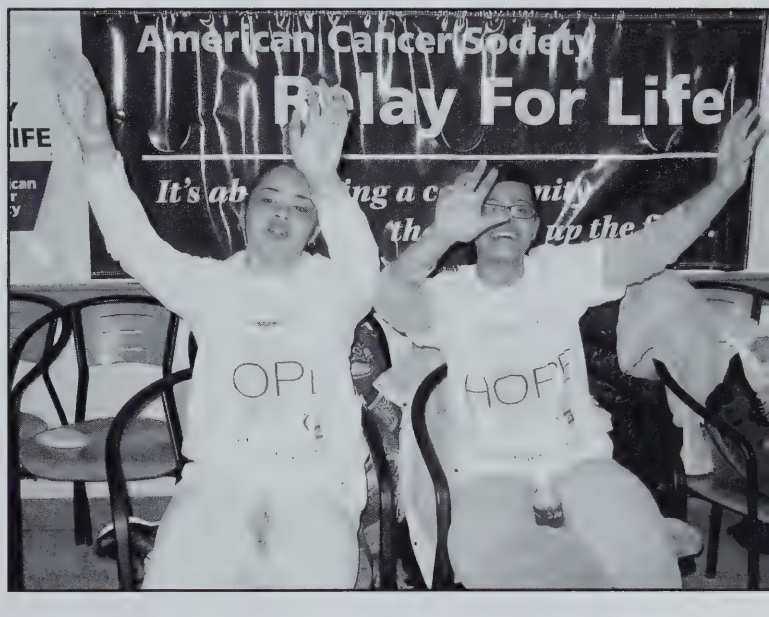
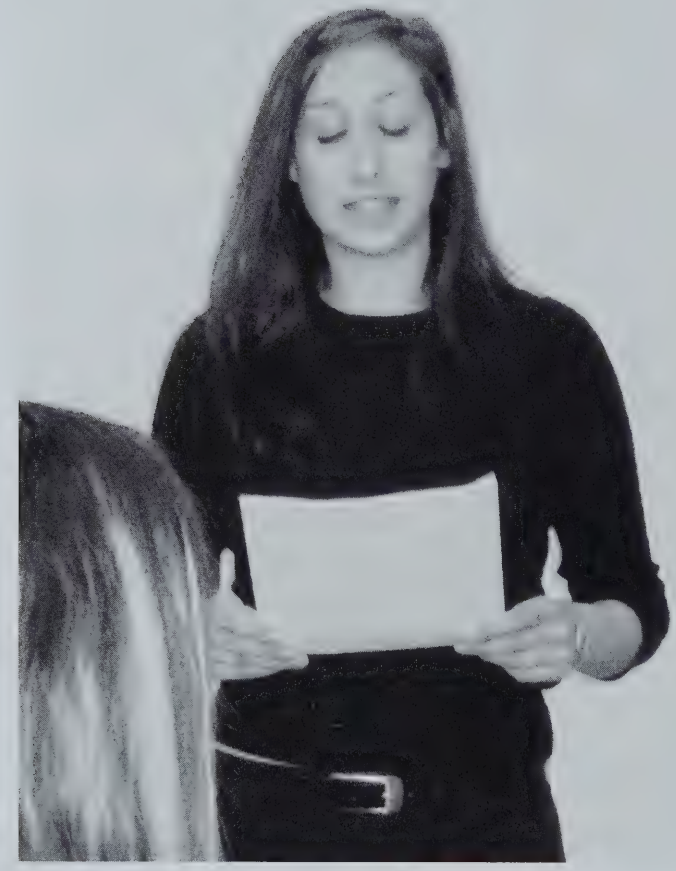
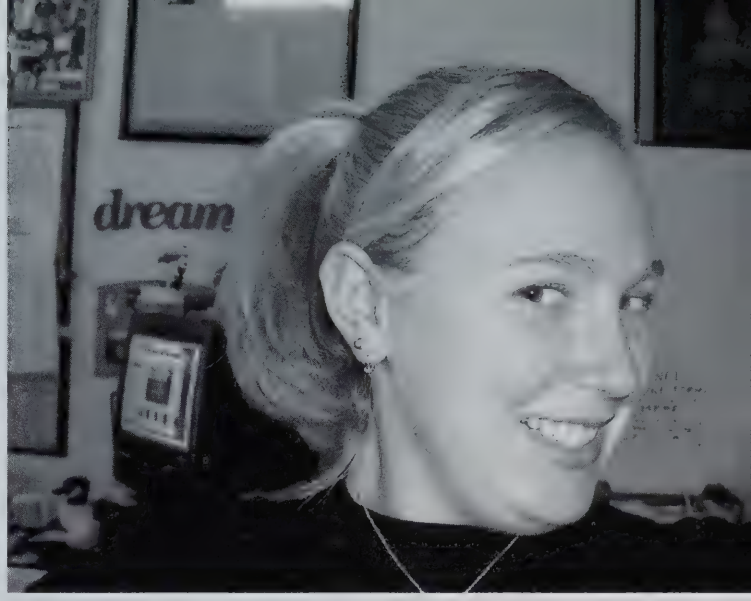

American Cancer Society
Relay For Life

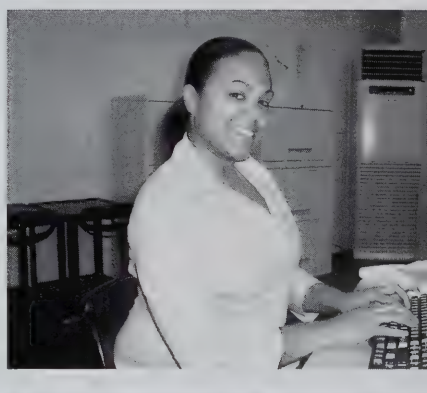
Psi Chi Induction

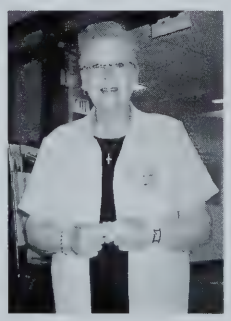


Meet Aubade 2006

So, what exactly does it take to create a college yearbook? When the phrases "computer crash", "low-resolution photos" and "corrupted files" broke our spirit and resultied in one heck of a summer cliff-hanger, this determined staff refused to lose sight of the fact that the class of 2006 was still counting on us, and despite all odds, we still had a book to put out...

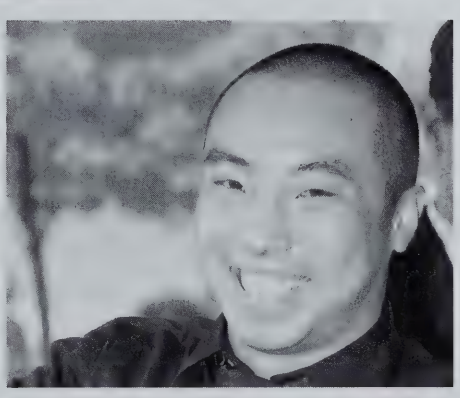






When all else failed, all we needed was one good quote to inspire us! "We, the willing, led by the unknowing, are doing the impossible for the ungrateful. We have done so much for so long with so little, we are now qualified to do anything with nothing. "

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. It was...DC Guide!!! This book is our blood, sweat and tears. Thanks to my a-list staff!



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WELCOME TO
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SPORTS

Coming from far away or from around the corner, the Dominican College Athletic Department attracts talented athletes to practice their game as well as get an education. Early morning runs, afternoon on the courts, working out with weights, eating right, staying focused, and doing everything else Coach says, doing whatever it takes to get it right.

It has been said that sports build character; perhaps it is more accurate to say that sports reveal character. Who will make the sacrifices? Who will be on the team? Who will make the cut? Good sportsmanship is developed with heart and soul, mindful intentional and more concentration than a Zen master contemplating the challenge. Where else can young athletes, good young men and women, ever again live a life where everyone is there to help you, to make it happen for the team? What a memory to have for the rest of your life. It's more than just a game.... it's an adventure!

2006 Women's VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Chargers ended their 2005 season with an overall record of 8-18 and a Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) record of 7-15. The team finished in ninth place in the CACC and narrowly missed a playoff berth for the first time in two years.

Head Coach Jessica Schweitzer looked to junior setter Jennifer Rivera and middle blocker Jessica Zanotti to lead the team both on and off the court. Zanotti finished last season with 29 blocks and 183 kills.

The junior class features three returnees who all saw significant playing time last year. Antoinette Hackett recorded 309 digs and provided the team with great spirit and energy on the court. Erica Ciavolella recorded 22 aces and 190 digs in 76 games, while Tara Leahy had 86 kills and 72 digs this year.

The freshman class featured four very talented players. Kinikia Collier had an outstanding rookie year, leading the team with 305 blocks and 371 digs. Ashley Simpson had a team leading 54 blocks and 132 kills, while Theresa Hanneman had a strong finish on the year, recording 112 kills. Kaitlin Earl showed great promise last season recording 130 kills, 34 aces and 242 digs.

The Roster

1 Jennifer Rivera, 2 Tara Leahy, 5 Ashley Simpson, 6 Kinikia Collier, 7 Kaitlin Earl , 8 Erica Ciavolella, 10 Keriann Quinn, 11 Jessica Zanotti, 13 Theresa Hanneman, 20 Antoinette Hackett, 22 Lauren Palermo

A Milestone Moment.... When Sports Branched Out

When Title Nine passed in the 1970's, no one realized the dynamic changes it would bring to campuses around the country, including Dominican. Now, equal distribution of federal dollars assures young women athletes that their sports participation will be honored and valued too. Websites, foundations, chat-rooms, and television broadcasts all contribute to the life of women's sports on campus. There are now women's teams in gymnastics, basketball, field hockey, tennis, swimming, golf, and volleyball across the USA, just to name a few. Here, our women's volleyball team gives it their all and show us what 110 per cent looks like on a good day on the court. And all the moms smiled, too.

Women's SOCCER

The Team Roster:

1 Valentina Sturchio, 2 Pamela Mertens, 3 Jennifer Ditzig ,4 Tricia Dugan, 7 Michelle Cusano, 8 Marie LaMaida, 9 Nicole Tatulli, 10 Angela Correia , 11 Kerrianne Rogers, 12 Alexandra Nodine, 12 Alexandra Nodine, 13 Heather Orvis, 14 Shannon Harding, 16 Kelly Kenny, 17 Katrina VanAlstyne, 18 Stacey Ryan, 19 Amanda Ragule, 23 Janet Mordeci, 25 Rosa Centurion, 28 Kelly Egan-Thorpe, 29 Danielle Gargano, 30 Sara Cordaro

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Men's SOCCER

The Chargers are coming off an 18-2 season, with a 8-0 record in the CACC. They won their second consecutive regular season CACC title and went on to defeat Caldwell College in the CACC Tournament Championship, 1-0 for back to back titles. The team went on to their first ever NCAA Tournament appearance and suffered a tough 0-1 loss to national runner up, Franklin Pierce College in the New England Regional Championship game.

The Team Roster:

0 Robert Kelly, 1 Joe Signorile, 3 Shane Lowe, 4 Colin Hodge,5Colin Van Rye, 7 Jhonny Arteaga, 8 Richard Cestaro, 8 Diego Miranda, 11 Slavisa Prcic , 14 James Hamilton, 15 Pablo Pozo, 16 Dan Kelly, 18 Ryan Clancy, 19 Michael Maffei, 24 Diego Barahona, 23 Michael Purificati, 24 Dan Costello, 25 Joseph Ruesgen

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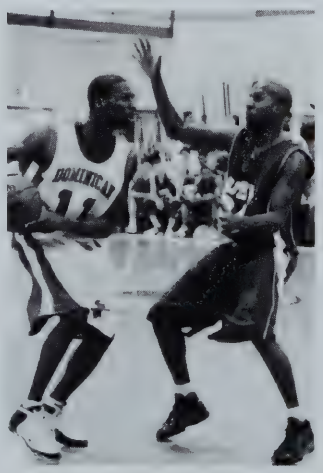
MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Charger Basketball Squad finished their season with an overall record of 13-17 and a Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) record of 10-12. They finished the regular season in seventh place in the CACC and were seeded seventh in the conference tournament. The team shocked the second seeded Cougars of Caldwell College with a thrilling 76-73 victory as junior Prince Jackson had back to back three-point plays in the final minute of the game for the comeback win. In the semi-finals against the #3 Holy Family University Tigers, Jackson came up big again as he hit the game winning jumper as time expired for the 73-71 win. The win sent Dominican into the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Tournament Championship game against the top seeded Deacons of Bloomfield College. However, the Deacons would be crowned the champions after a hard fought victory over the Chargers, 70-64.

Leading the team this year in scoring was the junior Jackson, averaging 19.7 ppg (551 points for the year). He was ranked fifth in the CACC in scoring, ninth in field goal percentage, tenth in free throw percentage, and fourth in three point field goal percentage. He finished second on the team in assists with 55, while leading the Chargers in minutes played. For his efforts, Jackson was named to the All-CACC First Team. In 28 games, he scored in double figures 26 times, and had 13 games where he scored over twenty points. In the CACC Tournament, he averaged 20.3 ppg, 5.0 rpg and shot a perfect 15-15 from the free throw line. Jackson had the game winning baskets in both the quarter-finals and semi-finals and was named to the CACC All-Tournament Team. He was also selected to the All-Met Division II Second Team.

Senior Tahiem Stewart also had a great season this year, finishing second on the team in scoring with 15.3 ppg. He led the team in rebounding, averaging 6.7 per contest (202 on the year) and in steals with 49. Stewart tallied 460 points on the season and was second on the team in minutes played. He ranked thirteenth in the conference in scoring, ninth in rebounding third in field goal percentage, tenth in steals, fifteenth in blocked shots, thirteenth in offensive rebounds and eleventh in defensive rebounds. He received Honorable Mention Honors this year. During the conference tournament, Stewart averaged 15.0 ppg, 7.3 rpg and shot 61.3% from the floor. In the final minute in the win against Holy Family, he converted 2 crucial free throws, helping the Chargers to victory. He was also named to the CACC All-Tournament Team for his outstanding performance.



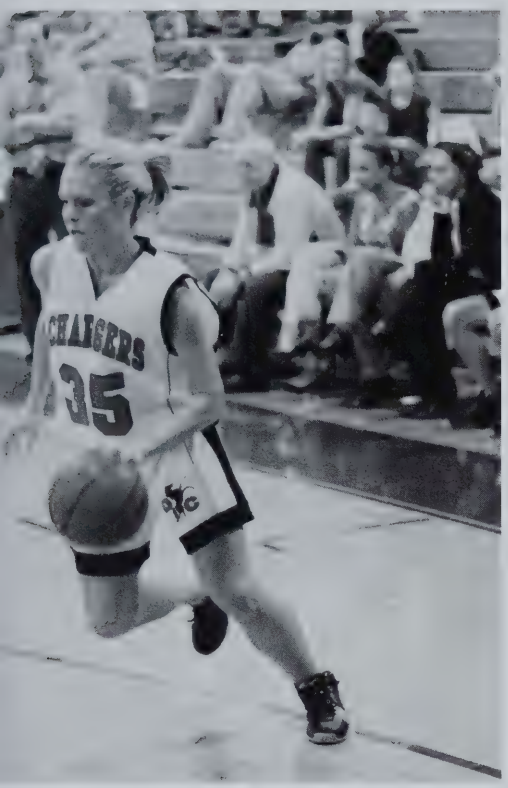
TEAM ROSTER:

1 Richard Fegins, 2 Paul Tuomey, 3 Damien Davis, 4 James Gray, 5 Bryan Browne,10 Juan Martinez, 11 Will Carty, 20 Tahiem Stewart, 22 Prince Jackson, 23 Anthony Toapha , 24 Shelton Gibbs, 31 Kazeem Famuyide, 32 Chaz Holloway, 33 Zerimar Ramirez , 40 Isaiah Lynch, 44 Charles Matthews, 55 Stephan Muller

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Team Roster:

1 Shalissa Burgess, 4 Kayla MacDonald, 10 Althea Chambers, 11Dana Rotio, 12 Danielle Armiento, 20 Jill Younghans, 21 Margaret Henn, 22 Nicole Genzanto, 23 Gina Pollitt, 24 Danielle Dugan, 35 Jackie Tracey, 40 Beth DePalo, 44 Jillian Degnan, 50 Melissa Geyer , 55 Ashley Rossi *



The 2005-06 Lady Charger Basketball Team finished the year with an overall record of 19-13 and a Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) record of 16-8.

The Lady Chargers finished the regular season in fourth place in the CACC and were seeded fourth in the conference tournament. In the quarter-finals of the tournament, the team hosted the fifth seeded Post University Eagles and came away with a 75-68 victory. Sophomore Dana Rotio led the team with 19 points, while senior Danielle Armiento exploded for 18 points and four assists off the bench.

In the semi-finals, the team faced the top seeded Tigers of Holy Family University. The Lady Chargers came on strong in the first half to lead by as many as seven points and took a 31-28 lead into the half. However, the Tigers fought back in the second half to take the lead with just under five minutes remaining as they went on to a 64-53 victory to advance to the CACC Tournament Final.

Dominican then received the second seed in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Tournament and hosted #3 Franklin Pierce College. FPC came away with a 70-48 victory and went on to defeat #1 Philadelphia University in the ECAC Final.

Captain and senior Ashley Rossi was the team leader in blocked shots with 52 for the season and ranked third in the CACC. She averaged 10.1 ppg and had a team leading 5.1 rebounds per game.

Rossi became the 18th player in DC Lady Charger history to score 1,000 points against Holy Family University. She finishes her career with 1,051 points, 601 rebounds and 197 blocks. She leaves as the All-Time Blocks Leader at DC and ranks in the top twenty in rebounding. For her efforts, she was named to the All-Met Division II second team. Freshman Althea Chambers also had a strong rookie year.

Senior shooter Jill Younghans finished second on the team, averaging 10.6 points per game. She led the team from behind the three point arc, shooting 65 on the year. She ranked 5th in the CACC in three point field goals made, 7th in three point field goal percentage and 26th in scoring. Younghans became the 17th player in DC Lady Charger history to score 1,000 points against Holy Family University. She ends her career with 1,055 points (229 three point baskets) and holds the DC record for most three point field goals in a season as she hit 82 in her sophomore year.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Upon completion of the 2006 softball season, fifth year Head Coach Rick Krasny can say without any hesitation whatsoever, that the Dominican College Lady Charger Softball team is without a doubt one of the top teams not only in the CACC Conference, but a power to be reckoned with in the entire Northeast Region. After completing the season with a record of 37-19, and breaking nearly every single offensive record in school history, Coach Krasny will look back at this season as the year that catapulted the softball program into a new era. "I knew it was going to be a special season when we returned from our Spring Break trip to Florida with a 7-3 record against some very tough competition, but I had no idea we were going to be this good."

The 2006 Lady Chargers ended the season with the second best conference and overall record, behind CACC Champion Caldwell College, as well as the third best record in the entire Northeast Region. They also had the second most wins in the Region behind perennial NYCAC Champion CW Post. "This was the season that we could field a team that could not only compete with anyone, but was able to beat just about any team that we faced, being swept in only one doubleheader all season by CW Post."

The 2006 softball team was at or near the top of every statistical category in the CACC Conference including; 3rd in Batting Average (.288), 2nd in ERA (2.11), 1st in Fielding Percentage (.961), 1st in Doubles & Home Runs (96 & 41), 2nd in stolen bases (39), 1st in Hits & Runs Scored (428 & 248), 2nd in Slugging Percentage (.450), and 1st in Pitching Strikeouts (362).

Christine Stathes was named to the first team as a pitcher as well as being named the 2006 CACC Pitcher of the Year. Sarah Beck was named to the first team as an At -Large selection, in addition to being named the 2006 CACC Rookie of the Year. Senior shortstop Katie Farrugia and sophomore first baseman Kristine Knuth were also named to the second team All Conference Team at their prospective positions. In addition, the Lady Chargers also had four members named to the All Tournament Team in Stathes, Beck, Farrugia and Michelle Bark. Krasny was also named 2006 CACC Coach of the Year for the second time in his five year stint as Lady Charger Head Coach.

Chargers are well on their way to being recognized as not only one of the best Division II softball teams in the Northeast Region, but in the nation as well.

Team Roster:

1 Kristine Knuth, 4 Jackie Terpstra, 6 Sarah Beck, 7Jamie Ollari, 8 Melanie Hestermann, 10 Kerry Furey,11 Michelle Bark,13 Danielle Gornie, 17 Christine Stathes, 21 Chrystina Tirado, 23 Corey Heulitt, 24 Katie Farrugia, 26 Kim Cornacchio, 27 Michelle Krupna

Team Roster:

4 Mike Zani, 5 Joseph DiMicelli, 6 Sean Brown, 7 Jose Made, 8 Frank Vella, 9 Brent Marcotte, 10 Ed Dolan, 11 Tom Keegan, 12 Daniel Bucci, 15 Peter Gilardo,16 Shane Collins, 17 Matt Dilgen, 18 Nick Schreiber,19 Todd Spindler, 20 Keith Gebert, 22 Jose Escalera, 23 Chad Duesler, 24 Marc Mortellaro, 25 Alex O'Connell, 26 Zack Hoffstatter, 27 Frank Maynard Jr, 28 Eliezer Nunez,29 Yordis Veras, 31 Armando Tavarez, 32 Joseph Catanese,33 Tommy Mejia, 34 Joe Kubanik, 36 Ray Cueto, 39 Ralph Mesa, 40 Brendan Bohan, 41 Kyle Markle, 44 Michael Mondesir

MEN'S BASEBALL

The Dominican College baseball team 2006 are the first team in program history to earn a bid the NCAA Tournament and set a new school record with 42 wins. The Chargers earned the bid after winning their second consecutive Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Tournament Title, making it the fifth title in the last six years for Head Coach Rick Giannetti.

The team opened up the 2006 season with a double-header sweep of host Virginia State University, 17-4 and 12-1. The team went on the annual spring break trip to Miami, Florida where they faced a number of tough teams, including Nova Southeastern University, who were ranked 13th in the nation at the time and 18th St. Thomas University. The Chargers came back with a 5-4 record, posting victories both Nova Southeastern and St. Thomas University to improve their record to 7-4 on the year.

DC began conference play with a home opening victory over Post University, 10-9 and went on to win four straight to improve to 5-0 in the conference, before dropping a 4-7 decision to NJIT. The team finished the conference with a 24-3 record to give them the regular season title and the top seed in the tournament. In the opening round, Dominican lost to the fourth-seeded Golden Falcons from Felician College, 9-11. Facing elimination, DC knocked out second-seeded Wilmington College, 2-1 and went on to defeat #3 Bloomfield College, 15-0, sending them into the Championships where they would have to beat Felician College twice. The Chargers won the first game, 13-8 and took the second game, 13-9 to earn the conference's bid to the NCAA Tournament.

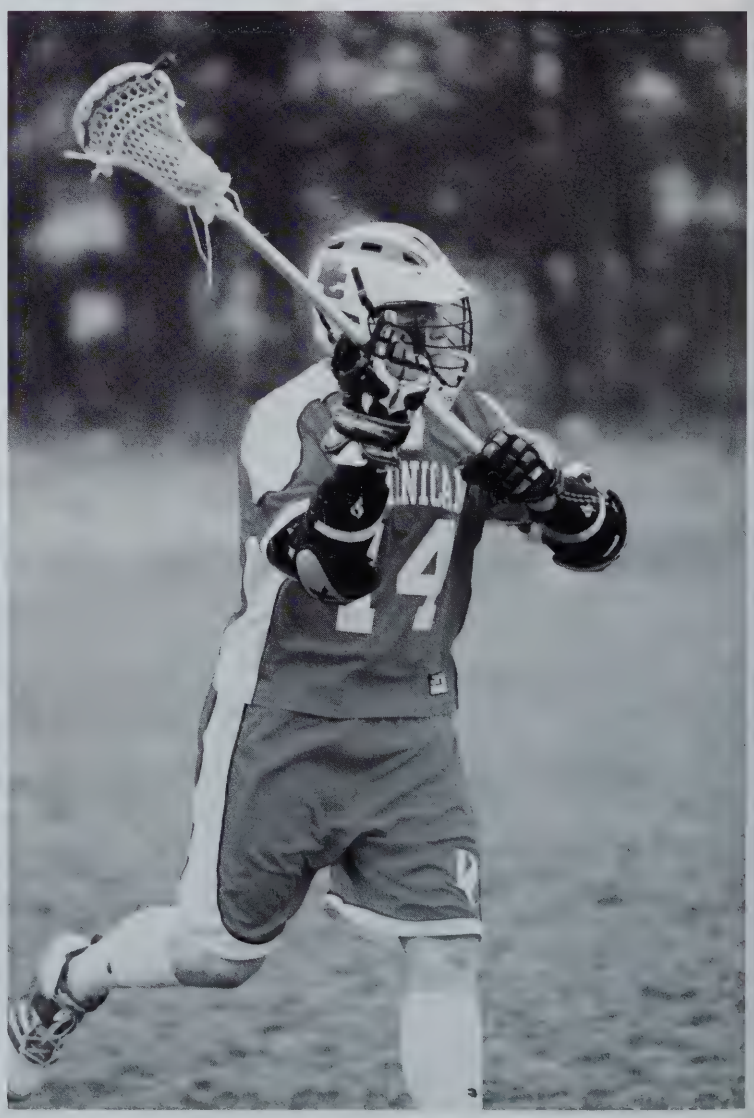
In the NCAA Tournament held at top-seeded Franklin Pierce College, the Chargers were seeded fifth and took on second-seeded University of New Haven in the opening round. Trailing, 0-2, Dominican battled back to tie the game in the sixth and go ahead 4-2 in the seventh off the two run homer by CACC Rookie of the Year, Jose Made, as they went on to a 4-3 victory. The win set up a game against the #3 UMass-Lowell where they Chargers wiped out a 6-3 deficit to win the game 8-7. Facing a tough #1 Franklin-Pierce College, the team rallied down 14-6 to pull within two, but the Ravens held on for a 15-13 victory. This forced the Chargers into an elimination game against the #4 Owls of Southern Connecticut State University. DC was down 9-5 in the bottom of the ninth inning with one on and one out when they game was suspended due to rain. The game was picked up the next day where DC managed to load the bases with one out, but couldn't produce a run as SCSU went on to the 9-5 victory, thus ending the Chargers season with an overall record of 42-18.

All-CACC Second Team honors went to Peter Gilardo and Eliezer Nunez. Gilardo hit .332 on the year with 66 hits, while Nunez had a .299 average with 59 hits. The Chargers graduate four players from this year's squad, including Zani, Nunez, and designated hitter Chad Duesler, who hit .367 with 40 RBIs.The Chargers are looking to win another CACC Title and return to the NCAA Tournament next year.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Team Roster:

2 Mike Delillo, 3 Michael Franz, 4 Joe Cobis, 5 Mark Lieval, 7 Jeremy Arcaro, 10 Joe Assante, 14 Owen Smith III, 15 Frank Vermeylen, 16 Stephen Polizzi, 18 Paul Ocana, 21 Tom Walters IV, 22 Kyle Miller, 27 Ryan Strong, 28 Christopher Butts, 29 Micah Brown,32 Ben Bradley, 33 Antonio Aponte, 35 Remo Montalbano



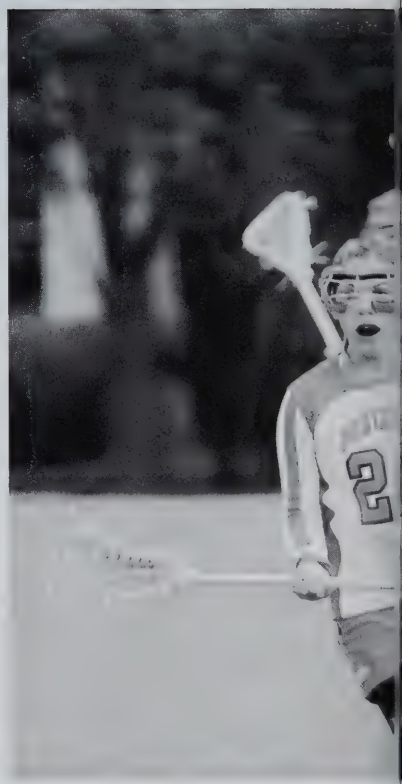
The Dominican College men's lacrosse program finished the 2006 season with a 4-9 record, facing six of the top ten teams in NCAA Division II. This season the Chargers played the defending National Champions, New York Institute of Technology, Adelpi University, Mercyhurst College, Dowling College, C.W. Post University, and Molloy College to complete the most competitive schedule Dominican has had since the program began in 2002. The team dropped the opening game of the 2006 season to NYIT, the 2005 NCAA Champions, 21-2 but went one to win one of two during spring break.

First year Head Coach, Nick Ballou, took the team to North Carolina for the annual spring break trip to face Mars Hills College and Lees-McRae College. The Chargers lost a tough game to Mars Hills, 15-8, but rebounded to defeat Lees-McRae, 16-7, for their first win of the season.

Returning home, the team struggled losing four straight games to drop their record to 1-5. The Chargers rebounded to defeat visiting Montclair State University, 13-9, but lost a tough 10-9 game to the Greyhounds of Assumption College. DC went on to split their final four games of the year with wins coming against Green Mountain College, 19-3 and Seton Hill University in West Virginia, 14-13.

Freshman Joe Arcaro led the team with 27 goals, starting every game of the year at the attack position. Fellow rookie Owen Smith III also had a stellar year with 23 goals and a team leading 20 assists for a team leading total of 43 points on the season. Rookie Remo Montalbano was tied for third on the team in scoring with 15 goals and second with 18 assists.

Sophomores Joe Cobis and Kyle Miller each netted 15 goals for the Chargers and combined for 18 assists this season. Freshman goal keeper, Joe Assante, led the team with 128 saves and a .527 save percentage. Sophomore captain Micah Brown scored eight goals this year and had a winning face off percentage of .502.



This was the inaugural year of the Dominican College Lady Chargers Lacrosse program. The team competed as a club sport in the 2006 season, playing a total of five games against NCAA Division II and III teams and other club teams.

Jen Rothenheusen recorded the first goal in Lady Charger history against Castleton College on March 19th in a 1-24 loss. Morgan Riley tallied 75 saves this year, playing all five games as the goaltender.

Although the Lady Chargers went 0-5, the team gained valuable experience this year. The roster consisted of 18 players, many of whom had never played lacrosse before, and Head Coach Erin Horan used the season as a learning tool to teach the fundamentals of the game.

With the addition of the first incoming women's lacrosse recruiting class and the return of this year's team, Horan will look to continue to build a women's lacrosse program that will compete at the NCAA Division II level next year.

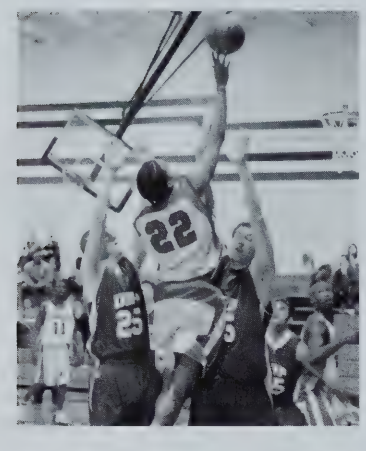
WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Team Roster:

00 Morgan Riley, 2 Vanessa Perez, 3 Meg Hesterberg, 4 Claudia Borquez, 5 Karissa Estrom, 7 Shakia Reynolds, 8 Darleny Gonzalez, 9 Mercedes Pedro, 10 Ashley Jones, 11 Katie Leonard, 12 Shani Marte, 13 Jacki Williams, 14 Colette Burts, 15 Stephanie Cevallos, 16 Jen Rothesheusen, 18 Lara Quinn, 19 Vanessa Torres, 20 Catherine Bautista, 21 Eliana Hernandez

Bobby Mulligan / Sue Heller Scholarship Tournament

Each year Dominican College dedicated both a men's and women's basketball game in honor of Bobby Mulligan and Sue Heller. Our alumni come back to remember what it was like to play basketball at Dominican College. This year we had our largest turn out in both the men's and women's alumni basketball game.



Sue Heller, the first Lady Charger to score 1,000 career points, passed away January 17, 2001. In her honor, the 1,000 point club was renamed the Sue Heller 1,000 Point Club and one women's basketball game each year is played in her memory. A fierce competitor, Sue was extremely proud of her accomplishments at Dominican College especially her 1998 induction into the Dominican College Hall of Fame. In addition to her athletic success, she graduated in 1980 with a B.A in psychology and certification in special education. To perpetuate her legacy, the Sue Heller Memorial Scholarship was established at Dominican College. This year, the Sue Heller Memorial Scholarship was given to Jacklyn Tracey, who is a junior on the Women's Basketball Team.

Bobby Mulligan was a member of the Dominican College men's basketball team when he tragically passed away on August 30, 1987. An accomplished player, Bobby was known for his competitiveness on the court. Off the court, he was recognized as a loyal individual with exceptional perseverance. Prior to the start of his senior year, Bobby had amassed 912 career points and would have assuredly reached the 1,000 point mark. He was posthumously added to the list. The Bobby Mulligan Memorial Scholarship was created in his honor to benefit the student body. The first Bobby Mulligan Scholarship was awarded this year to Willie Carty, a sophomore on the Men's Basketball Team.

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DC MEN'S GOLF: ECAC Tournament

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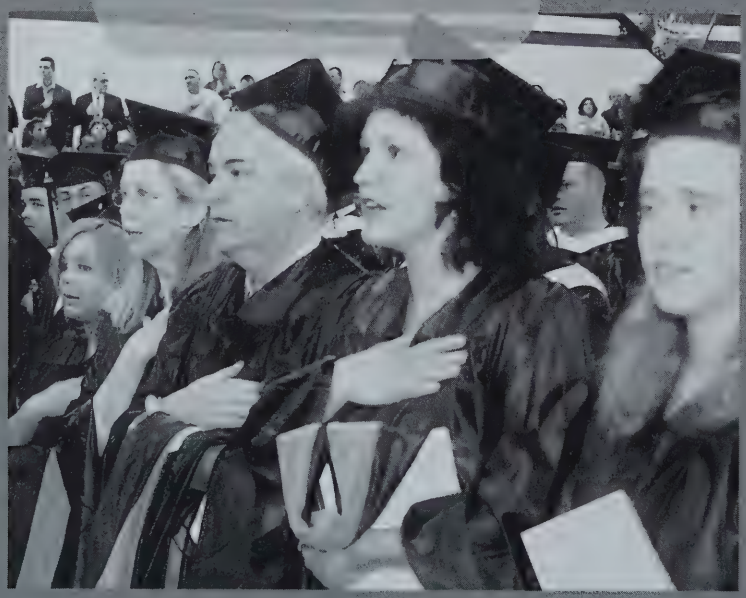

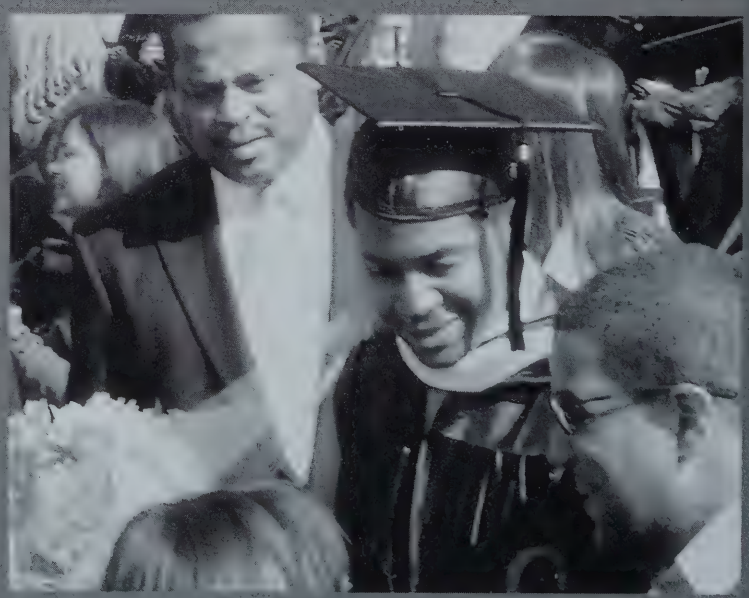

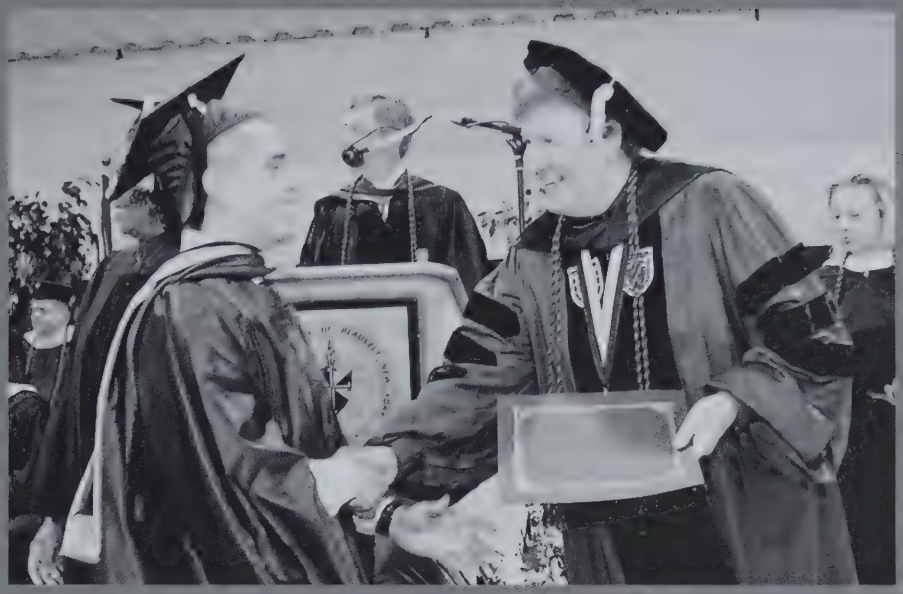

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Alphi Chi Induction

Alphi Chi is a National Scholarship Honor Society open to ten percent of the senior and ten percent of the junior class. Below, are highlights of the induction ceremony.

Members Association Of College Honor Societies:

Elizabeth Adorno, Janine Barbieri, Jennifer Boston, Helena Ciccarello, Kyle Clancy, Jessica Clark, Heather Fitzgerald, Erin Fitzgibbons, Brent Gaylord, Jennifer Huffman, Erikine Joseph, Mecene Jourdain, Michelle Krupna, Carla Maggi, Michelle Martinez, Kristen Newman, Krystle Paccione, Magdalena Padilla, Tara Rose

Annual Honors Convocation

Each Fall, the president publicly recognizes student who have attained the Dean s List for one or more academics years. This recognition is extended to full- time students who have maintained Dean's List status for both semesters of preceding year.

One Year On the Dean's List:

Katherine Adamo	Elizabeth Adorno	Karen Albert	Chris Behrens	Barbara Boniello
Monica Borrell	Jessica Cantave	Jessie Cirner	Kelly Crowley	DaynaMarie DiSiena
Megan Earl	Ronald Ferrante	Patrick Frain	Chasity Ginebra	Jillian Gonzalez
Danielle Gornie	Linda Hales	Meghan Harry	Lauren Karger	Kim Kelly
Robert Kelly	Dianne Kopac	Nichelle Krupna	Jennifer Lacenera	Edward Leo
Carla Maggi	Kay McJunkin	Lindsay Megdanis	Kristen Newman	Jessica Oehme
Amber Olin	Krystle Oliver	Nicholas Redling	Jennifer Ruelas	Stacey Ryan
Yudelis Sanchez	Rachel Schepperly	Andrea Schnabel	Susan Sobol	Christine Stathes
Jennifer Steedle	Susan Stivalo	Jeremy Trisolini	Paul Tuomey	Jane Wachausen

Two Years On the Dean's List

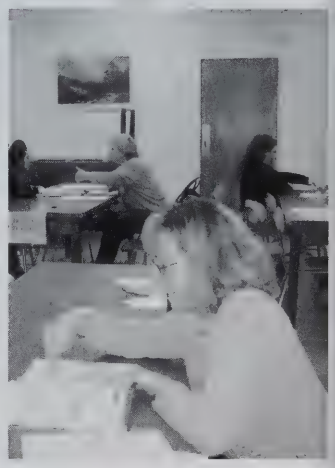
Judy Blumberg	Shannon Bulson	Ines Burkhardt	Helena Ciccarello	Lorraine Cilento
Jessoca Clark	Jennifer Doynow	Paul Frederickson	Brent Gaylord	Douglas Hallam
Kristin Horodyski	Mecene Jourdain	Melissa Judge	Paul Lepore	Noreen Martinez
Victoria Meehan	Monique Miller	Lynette Palestro	Bonnie Peters	Davina Pontrella
Jennifer Rodriguez	Michelle Ruggiero	Louise Savagge	Scott Savage	Krystal Smyth
Jasmine Tarantino	Kimberly Zakur			

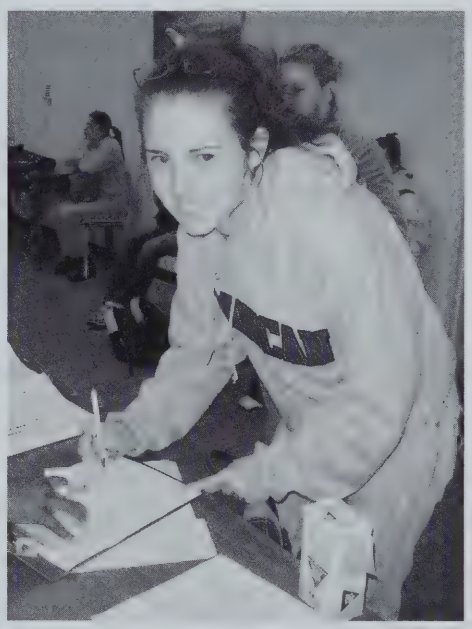
Three years On The Dean's List

Mariola Anachasian	Michael Derasmo	Joanna Dobkowski	Jean Flanagan	Meghan Hartnett
Elizabeth Mora	Sheila Tonner			

Major Application Day

So, what do you want to be when you grow up? The most important event of Freshman Year is Major Application Day-- the time when first-year students apply for their intended course of study and plan their academic future. Each student meets with a faculty member of the discipline they want to go into and are assigned a new, permanent academic advisor who will help them through the rest of their college career. Now, if they would only go to class...





Student Leadership Awards

The "Wonder Years" begin as Dominican College dedicates

The Prusmack Center

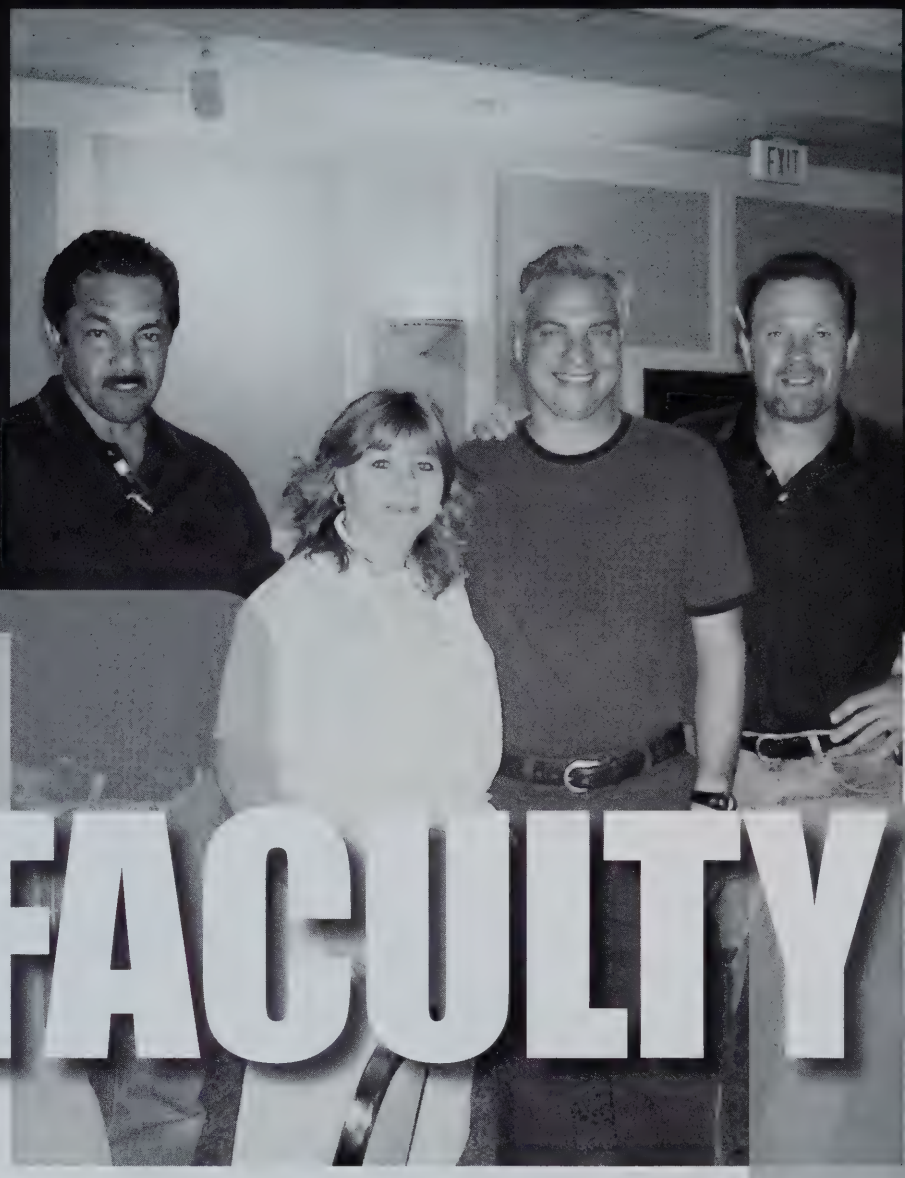
Sister Kathleen Sullivan and Sister Mary Eileen O'Brien are beaming as they accept a check from the President of Union Bank, which put our building fund over the top. Below, the phases of the construction project that brought The Prusmack Center to life.

Madame Curie and Louis Pasteur would find themselves in awe and at home in Dominican's new Science Center (below). The beatuiful new Prusmack Lecture Hall (above) will provide many opportunities for students and faculty to engage in a variety of learning experiences: multi-media presentation, special events, forums and conferences.

Above, the Prusmack Center provided a scenic backdrop for senior photos after Commencement 2006.

When the 21st century dawned, so did Dominican's recommitment to its many important programs which honor health care and the sciences. The Prusmack Center, our spanking new, state-of-the-art science facility, located across from Hertel Hall, will be the new home for our Occupational Therapy Program, Physical Therapy Program, Nursing Programs, and the Science Department. If you can dream it, our students can achieve it here!

At work, at play and around the campus, you're always greeted with a warm hello and a smile from the faculty and staff!



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+ STAFF

Like any network, Dominican has a talented "cast" that shines both inside and outside the classroom!

Each season brings back a group of legendary returning favorites, and some buzz-worthy new additions who'll expand your knowledge, broaden your horizons and tug at your heartstrings through the many roles they play at Dominican College. You might even get to know a few breakout stars along the way! And whether you tune in for educational reasons or just for pure entertainment, it's all "MUST SEE" at DC TV!

An All-Star Cast:

Dr. Rosanna Arcieri
Modern Languages

John E. Armstrong
Accounting

Madhuri Barua
Library Clerk

Rosemarie Benenati
Purchasing

Dr. Paul Bonk
Political Science

Marge Boyd
Academic Counselot Occupational Therapy

Kenneth Brelesky
Director Learning Resource Center

Tom Buckley
Athletic Training

Dr. Paul Bumbar
Business

Sr. Bernadette Burke
Coordinator of Special Projects

John Burke
Assistance Director of Athletics

Sr. Elisha Byles
Library Clerk

Jerome Cashman
Counselor for Students with Disabilities Services

Andrea Catania
Career Planning and Placement

Marcia Clendenen
Advisor Weekend College

Joe Clinton
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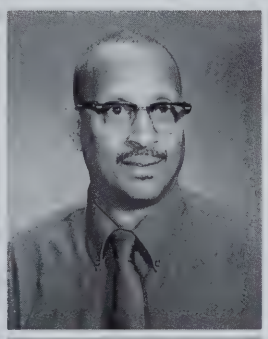

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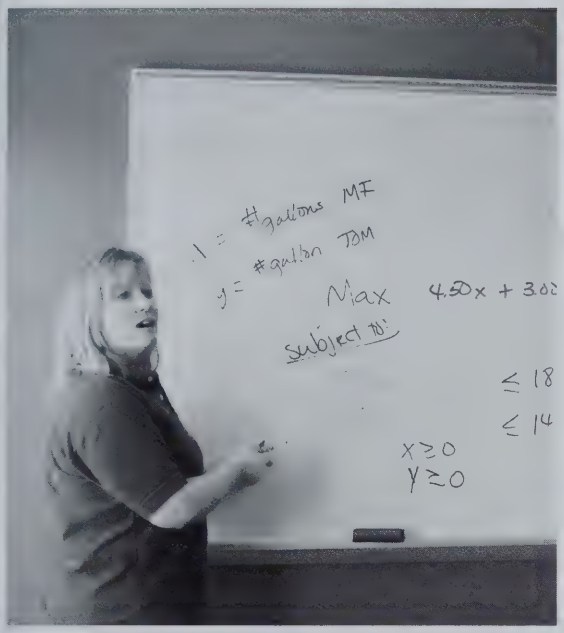

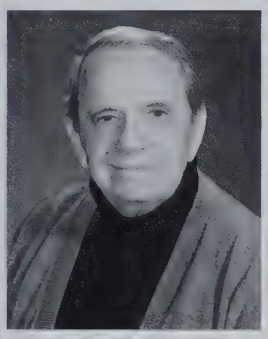

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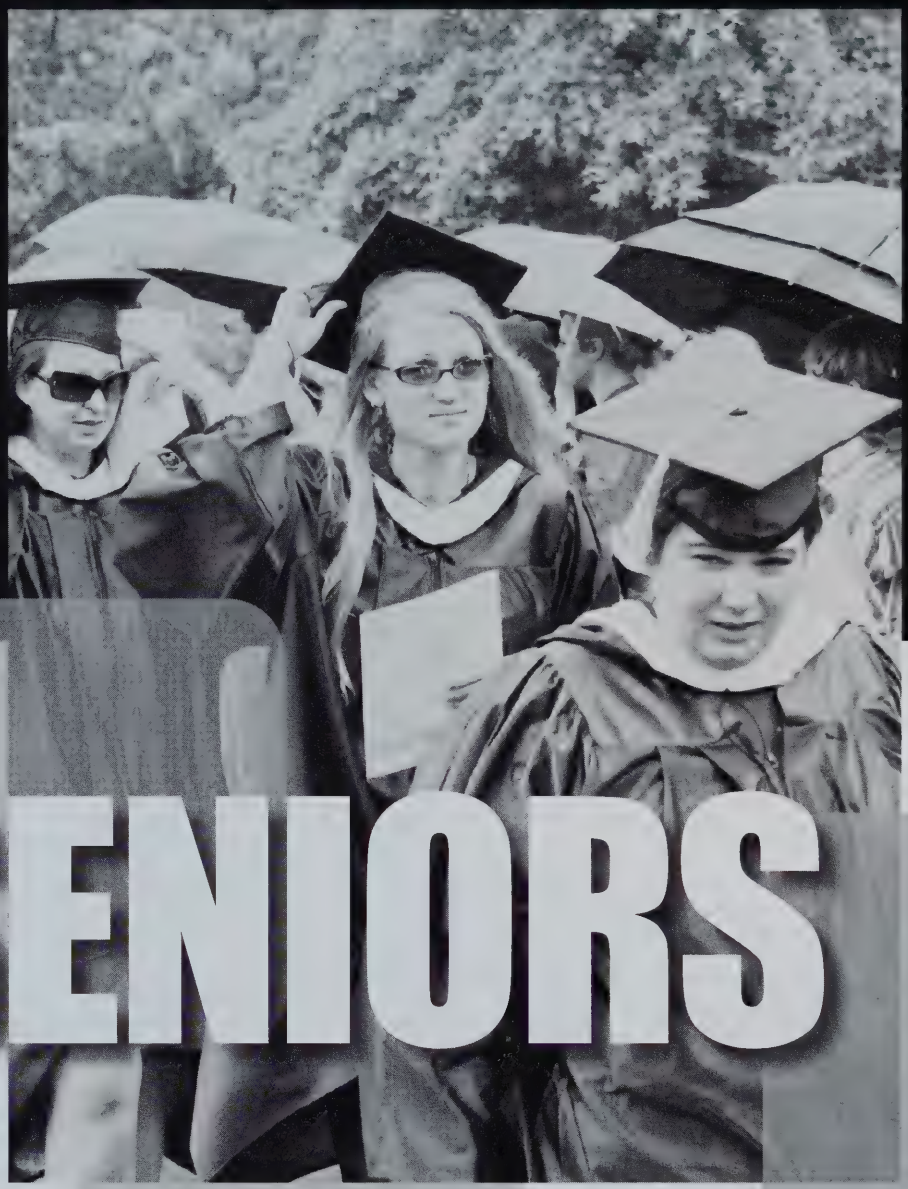

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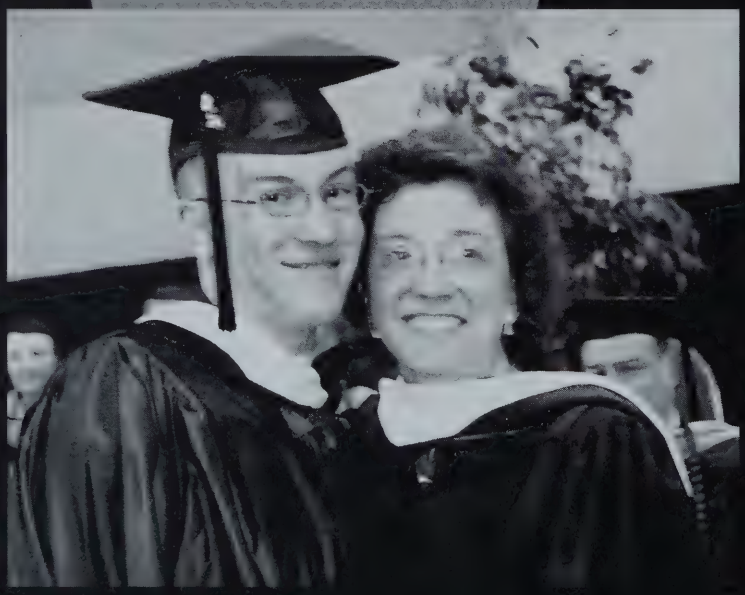

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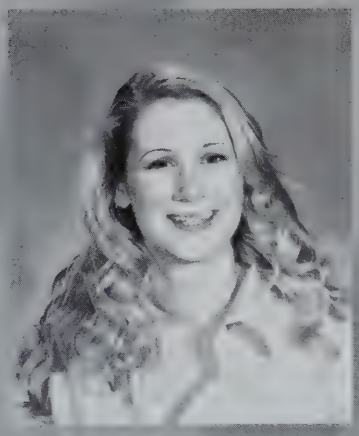

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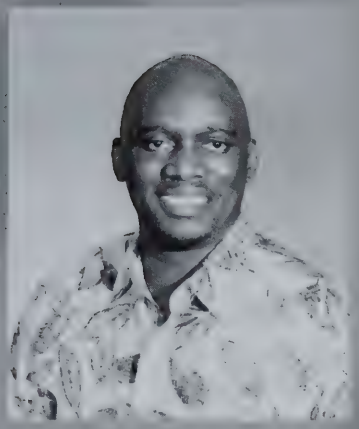

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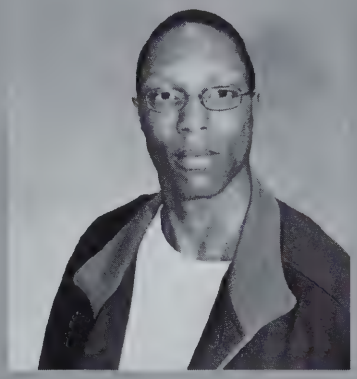

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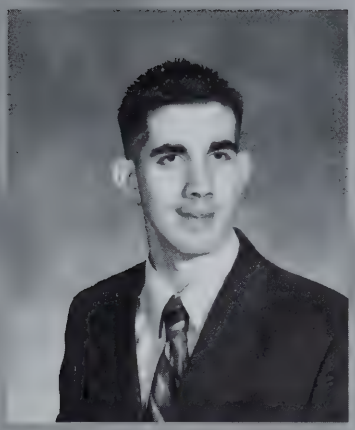

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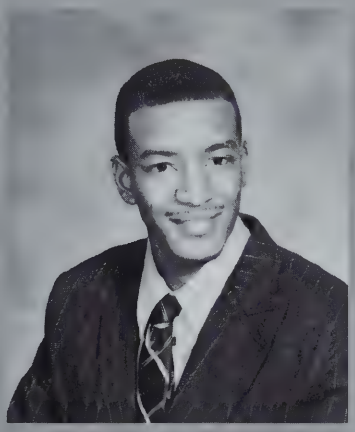

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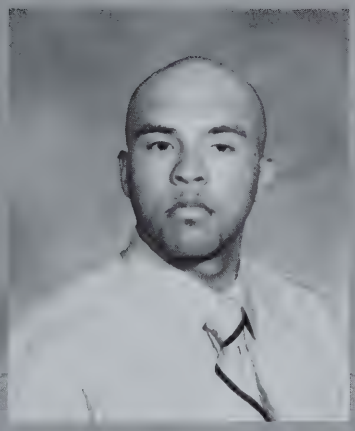

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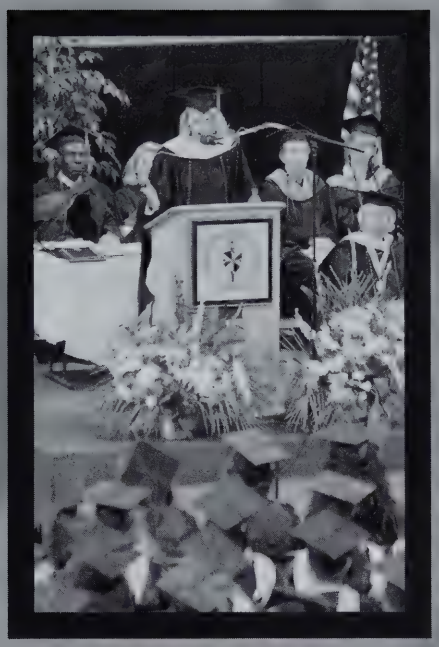

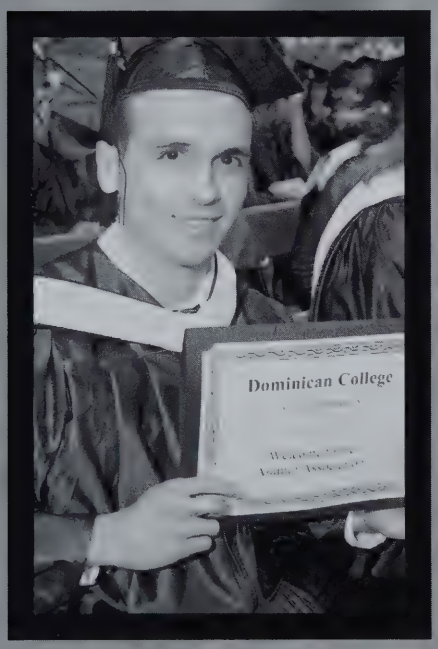

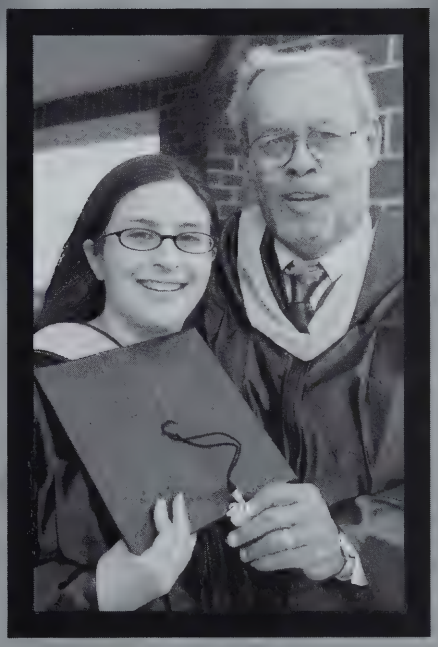

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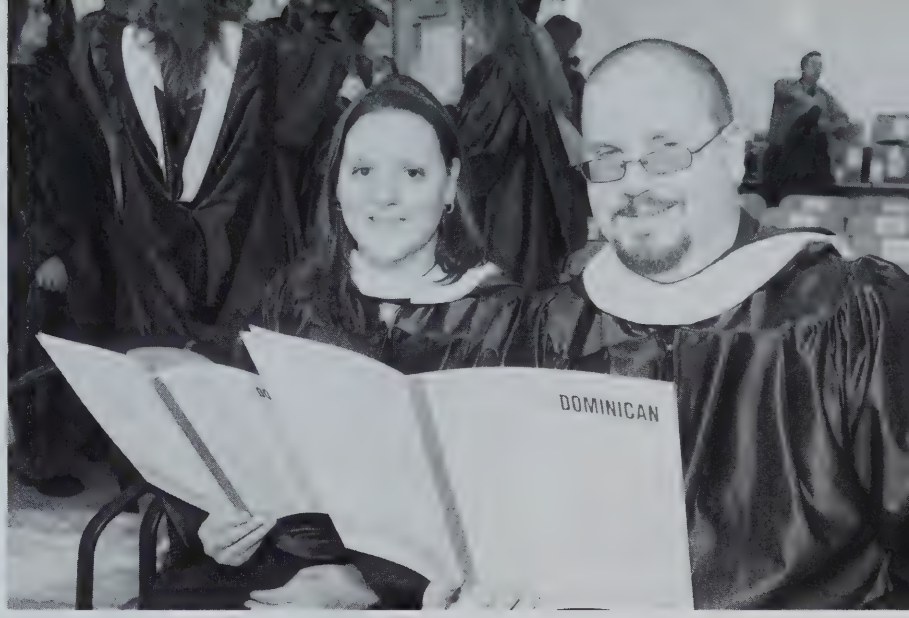

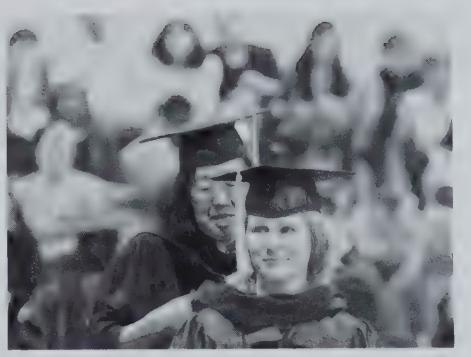

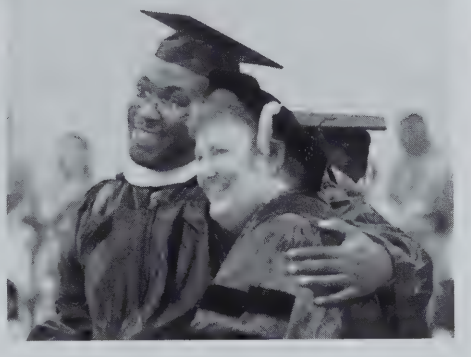

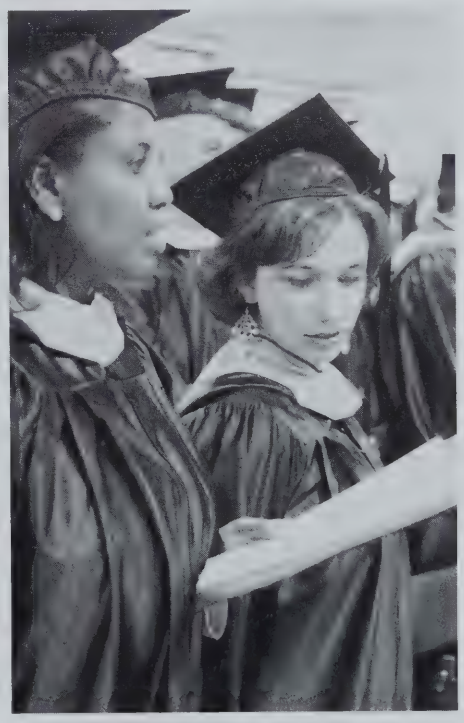

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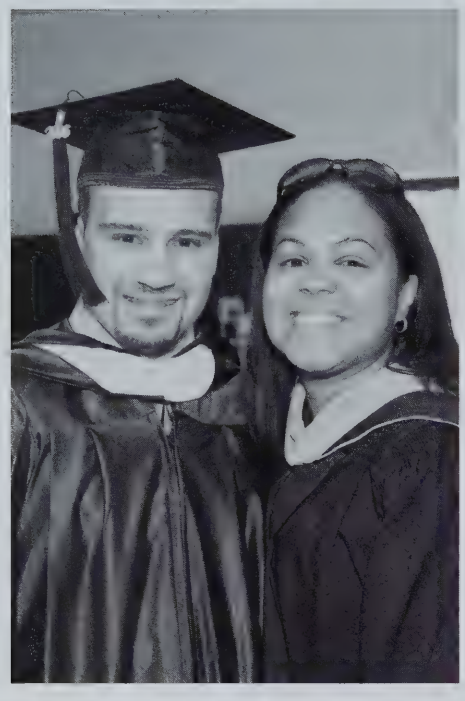

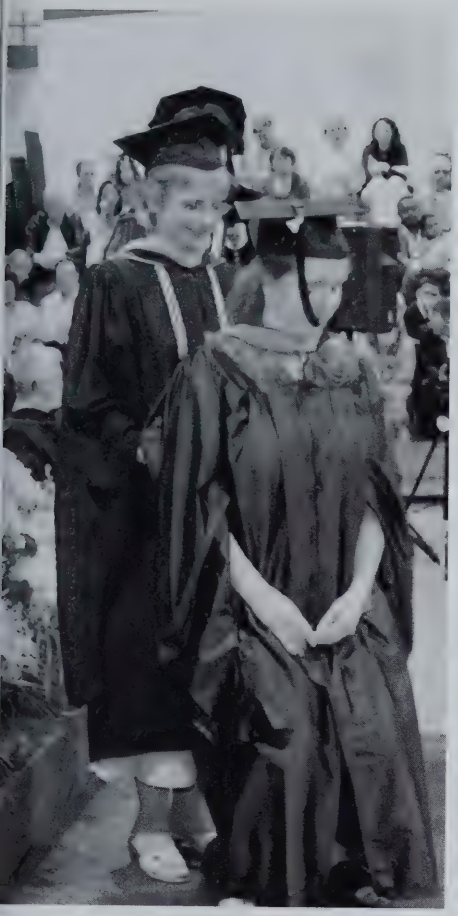

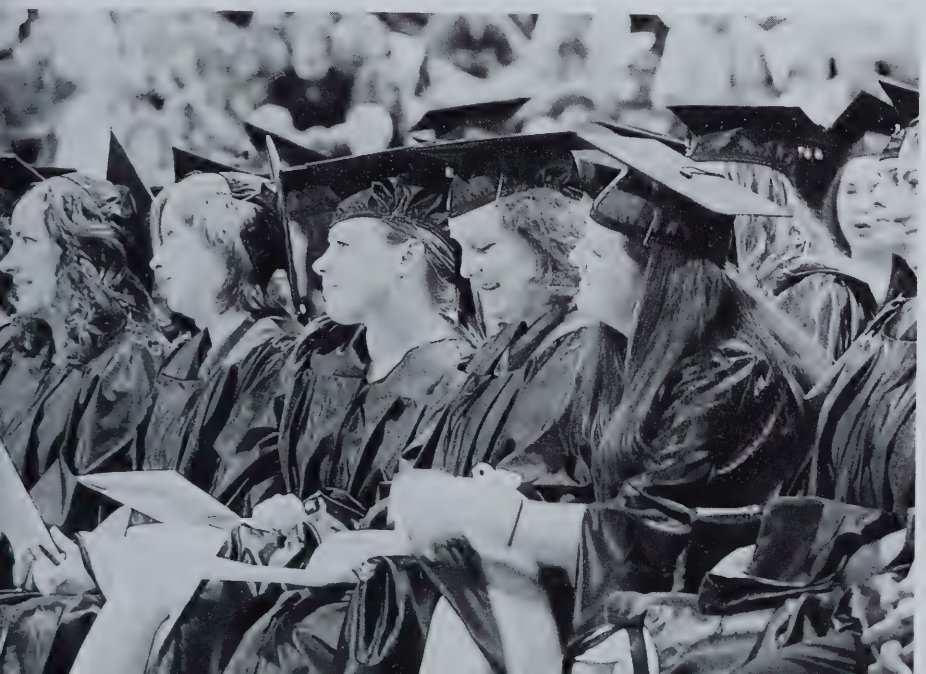

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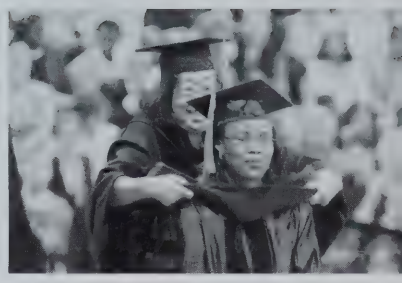

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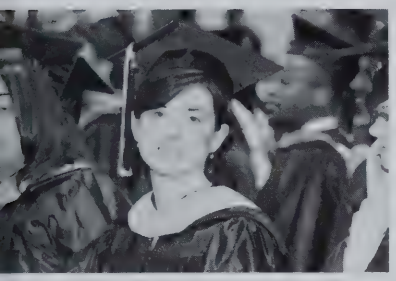

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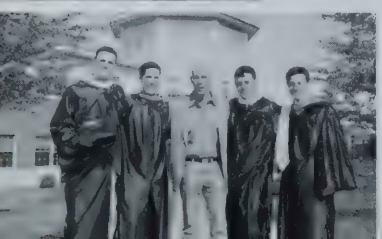

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Hurricane Season '05

A brutal and record-breaking Atlantic hurricane season saw seven storms pound the United States, devastating thousands of lives and causing more than $100 billion in damages. Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma were among the most intense, destructive and costly storms ever recorded.

This hurricane season included 27 named storms, 13 of which were hurricanes, seven were considered major and for the first time in recorded history, three reached Category 5 status.

The Gulf Coast braces itself for Hurricane Katrina, the most catastrophic storm ever to strike the United States.

Residents make their way through the flooded streets of New Orleans to a shelter.

Vermillion and Cameron Parish in Louisiana endure the brunt of Rita's tidal surge, incurring extensive damage.

American tourists wait for flights to return to the United States after Wilma strikes Mexico.

In late September, Hurricane Rita devastates areas of Florida, Texas and Louisiana.

On October 23 a waterspout from the first feeder bands of Hurricane Wilma approaches Key West, Fla.

Hurricane Ophelia hits the Florida Keys on September 20.

The hurricane season made meteorological history by having the most named tropical cyclones ever recorded. For the first time, forecasters exhausted a list of 21 proper names and began using the Greek alphabet to name storms.

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Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist died of thyroid cancer at 80.

U.S. officials discover a 2,400 foot cross-border drug tunnel running from Tijuana, Mexico to San Diego, Calif.

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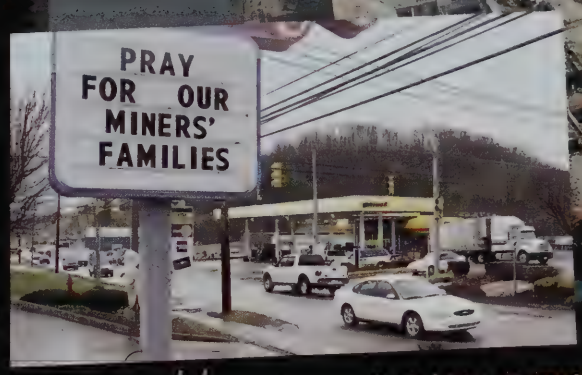


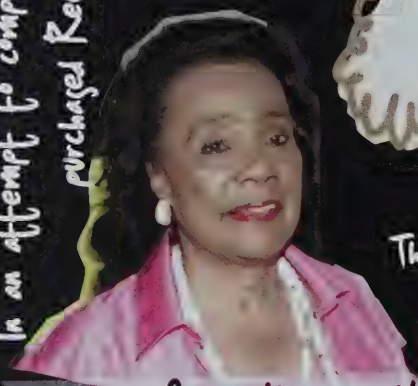
Families wait 44 heart-wrenching hours as rescue teams try to reach 13 coal miners that are trapped in West Virginia's Sago Mine. Tragically, only one miner survived.

In an attempt to compete with Nike Inc., Adidas-Salomon AG purchased Reebok International Ltd. for $3.8 billion.

Bound for Pluto, the New Horizons spacecraft travels 47,000 mph during a 10-year, 3-billion-mile mission to collect data from the blue planet.

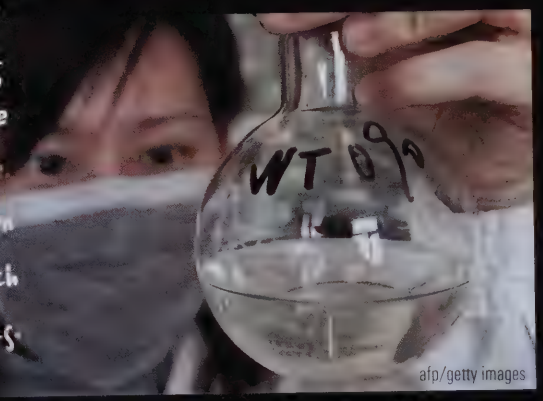
Alabama authorities investigated 10 Baptist church arsons that appeared to be related.

World Events



Coretta Scott King, widow of civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr., dies at 78.

The water system in Harbin, China shuts down for several days following a chemical plant explosion that contaminates the Sanhua River with toxic benzene. As a result, Harbin's 3.8 million citizens rushed supermarkets in search of bottled water, milk and soft drinks.



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Runaway bride Jennifer Wilbanks is sentenced to two years of probation, 120 hours of community service and must repay Georgia's Gwinnett County Sheriff's Department $2,500 in restitution for feigning her own abduction.

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport surpassed Chicago's O'Hare International Airport with 972,246 takeoffs and landings in 2005, making it the busiest U.S. airport.

Measuring 2 inches tall by 4 inches wide, Game Boy's Micro is reminiscent of the original NES controller.

It is revealed that W. Mark Felt, the FBI's former second-in-command, is "Deep Throat," the source of the Washington Post articles about the 1970's Watergate scandal.

A 7.6 magnitude earthquake strikes Pakistan and parts of India and Afghanistan, killing more than 79,000 people.

The U.S. Treasury releases 800 million redesigned $10 bills into circulation.

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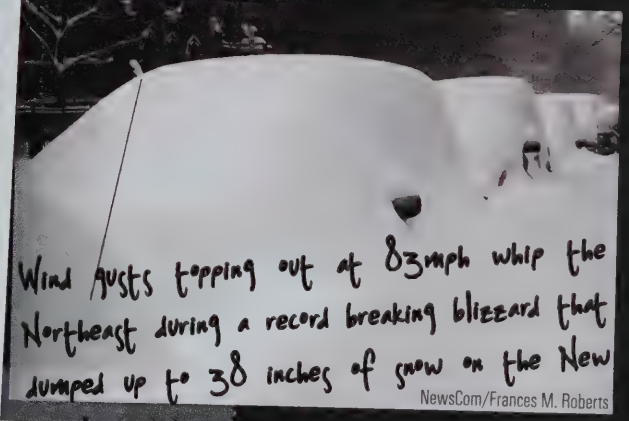
A large number of Iraqis, including many Sunnis, participated in a historical parliamentary election.

To reduce the frequency of dangerous high speed chases, California police implemented the use of adhesive GPS locator darts to track fleeing cars.

Israeli archaeologists discovered two 2,000-year-old biblical scroll fragments hidden in the Judean Desert.

German cardinal Joseph Ratzinger is elected the 265th pontiff, Pope Benedict XVI.

FEMA Director Michael Brown announces his resignation on September 12, after receiving criticism about his handling of Hurricane Katrina.



Wind gusts topping out at 83mph whip the Northeast during a record breaking blizzard that dumped up to 38 inches of snow on the New England states.

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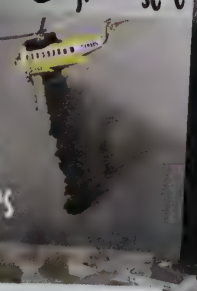
Political cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed published in European newspapers sparked Muslim protests.

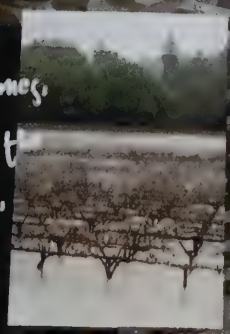
An early winter snow storm buried the Plains states, causing widespread power outages and extensive highway closings before heading toward the Great Lakes and Eastern Seaboard.

More than 120,000 acres and hundreds of structures are charred by wildfires that sweep through Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico.



A series of deadly tornados leave paths of mass destruction in Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois and Arkansas.

Heavy rains flood northern California's wine country, damaging homes, and threatening mud slides. In southern California, rains drenched the annual Rose Parade for the first time since 1955. As a result, a state of emergency was declared in seven California counties.



Ben Bernanke is appointed chairman of the Federal Reserve, replacing Alan Greenspan.

John Roberts becomes the nation's 17th chief justice, replacing the late William Rehnquist.

The Senate confirms Judge Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court. Alito, the 110th justice, replaced retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

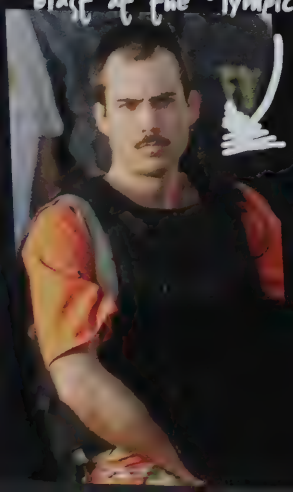
Noor al-Zahra is flown from Iraq to Atlanta, where doctors surgically repair the effects of spina bifida. U.S. troops discovered 3-month-old "Baby Noor" while on patrol in Iraq and arranged for her life-altering journey.

President George W. Bush delivers a series of speeches aimed at boosting support for the War on Terrorism.

Canadians elect Conservative Party leader Stephen Harper to be their next prime minister.

Federal Judge Constance Baker Motley, who once represented Martin Luther King, Jr. and was the first African American woman appointed to the federal bench, died at 84.

Eric Rudolph is ordered to serve multiple life sentences without parole for four bombings including the 1996 blast at the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

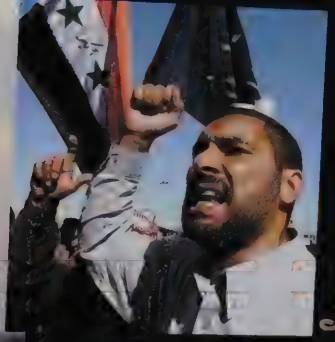


B L O G S

"Blog" sites such as Xanga and MySpace allow users to create online journals that anyone can view. In 2005, MySpace received more than 5 million teen hits per day.

Legendary ABC news anchor Peter Jennings loses his fight with lung cancer.

Air France Flight 358 skids off the runway and bursts into flames while landing in stormy weather at Toronto's Pearson International Airport. Miraculously, all 309 passengers survived.

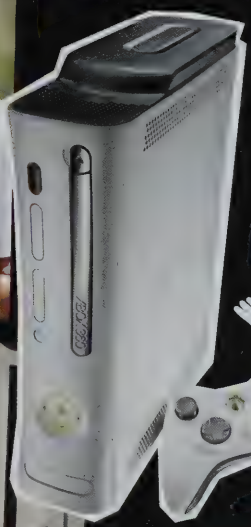


Sunni men protest the death of senior Sunni leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin who was slain by Iraqi insurgents.

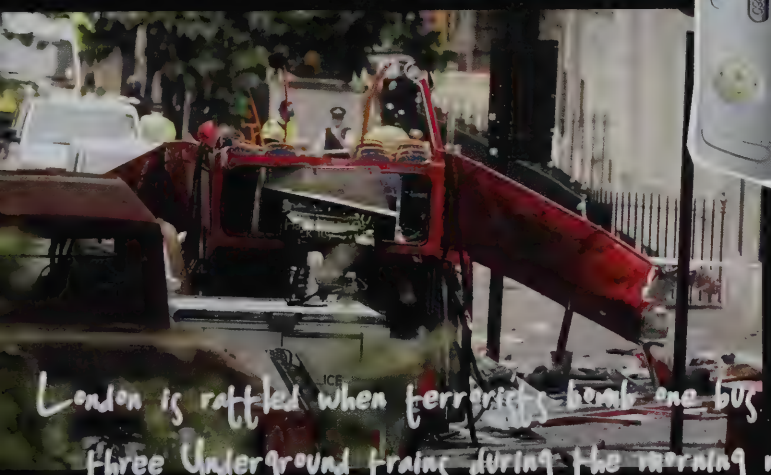
Cindy Sheehan, founder of Gold Star Families for Peace, camps outside President Bush's ranch near Crawford, Texas hoping to speak with the president about her son's death in Iraq. More than 2,000 military personnel have died in Iraq since the beginning of the War on Terrorism.

NASA's Stardust spacecraft returns from a seven-year, 2.9-billion-mile journey to Comet Wild-2, delivering the first samples of a comet back to Earth.

French doctors complete the world's first partial face transplant on a 38-year-old women disfigured by a dog attack.



Microsoft unveils the Xbox 360, the new operating system "Vista," and iTunes' rival "Urge."



London is rattled when terrorists bomb one bus and three Underground trains during the morning rush hour. The attack killed 49 people and injured 700.

NETFLIX

Movie rentals are made easier with Netflix and Redbox.

Vice President Dick Cheney accidentally sprays 78-year-old Harry Whittington with bird shot while quail hunting in Texas.

Scientists discover the world's smallest fish. Paedocypris progenetica, found in an Indonesian acidic peat swamp, measured less than 1/3 of an inch.

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Stuck at Prom Scholarship Contest winners Krystal Long and Casey Isringhouse of Forrest City, Ark., both win a $2,500 college scholarship and $2,500 for their school by wearing these outfits made from Duck brand duct tape.

Michael Eisner, the former chief executive of The Walt Disney Co., resigned his position and severed all ties to the company.

Guinness World Records declared 116-year-old Maria Esther Capovilla of Guayaquil, Ecuador, the oldest person alive.

For the first time, Japanese scientists photographed a live giant squid in the wild.

An Egyptian ferry carrying 1,500 passengers sank in the Red Sea. Only 404 survived.

Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff, Lewis Libby, is indicted on charges related to a CIA leak that compromised the nation's security.

Sideways nosegear force JetBlue Flight 292 to make an emergency landing at Los Angeles International Airport. During the three hours that the plane circled southern California to burn fuel, passengers watched live DirectTV broadcasts of the drama.

Charges of illegal activities are brought against many Washington insiders including lobbyist Jack Abramoff and representatives Randy Cunningham and Tom DeLay. John Boehner replaced DeLay as House majority leader.

'Dirty bomb' suspect José Padilla was indicted with four other suspects on terrorism conspiracy charges.

GM

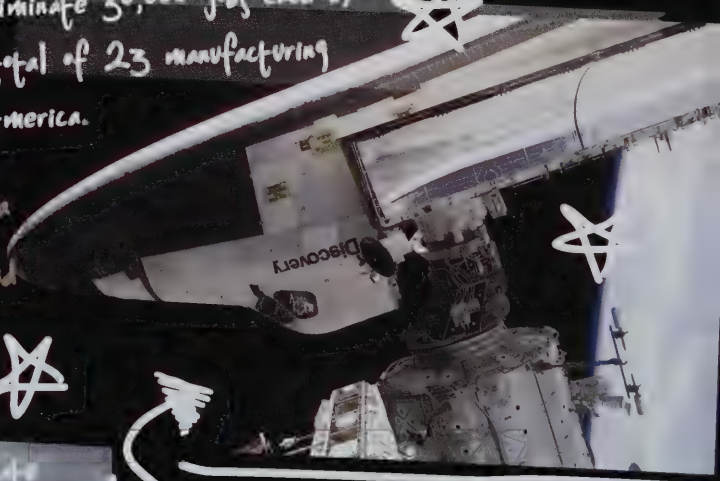
Ford

General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. eliminate 30,000 jobs each by closing a combined total of 23 manufacturing plants in North America.

Bands of youths torch more than 1,300 cars and burn warehouses, garbage cans and a nursery school in nine nights of violence that spread from Paris suburbs to towns throughout France.

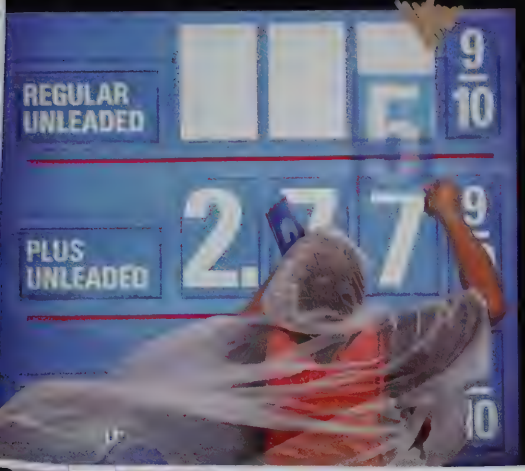
Following a heated debate, the U.S. Senate votes against a bill that would allow oil drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Following his death, King Fahd bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia is succeeded by his half brother Crown Prince Abdullah, marking the first change in the Saudi throne in 23 years.



NASA's Discovery embarks on a 14-day mission to deliver supplies and repair the international space station. Once in orbit, the shuttle crew used a 50-foot orbital boom sensor system to survey Discovery for any damage that may have occurred at liftoff.

Nations around the world develop measures to stop the spread of the deadly bird flu virus. Since it emerged in 2003, more than 70 people from China, southeast Asia and Turkey have died from the disease.

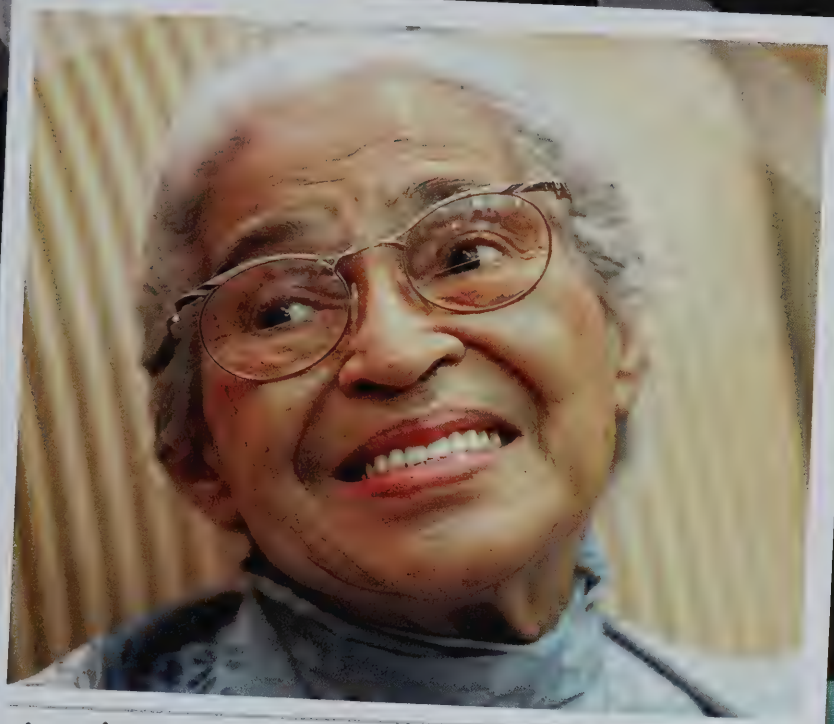


The effects of Hurricane Katrina, tension surrounding Iran's nuclear program and an interruption in Russia's gas supply cause fuel prices around the world to skyrocket. U.S. citizens saw a 30–60 percent rise in heating costs and paid an average high of $3 per gallon at the pump. In response to the fuel crisis, President Bush urged researchers to seek alternative energy sources in his State of the Union address.

The Smithsonian Institute selected a location within the National Mall to build a 350,000-square-foot National Museum of African American History and Culture.

One month after their 3-month-old chick Toga was abducted from Amazon World in southern England, African Penguin pair Kyala and Oscar produce a new egg.

Nomura's jellyfish, measuring more than six feet in diameter and weighing up to 440 pounds, clog fishing nets and diminish commercial fishing along Japan's coast.



Rosa Parks, who refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man 50 years ago, dies at 92.

After the cruise ship Seaborn Spirit evaded a pirate attack off the Somalia, the guided missile destroyer USS Winston S. Churchill a suspected pirate ship in the same waters.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon suffers a major stroke, leaving his country in political uncertainty just months before the Palestinian parliamentary elections. Hamas election victory provoked Fatah supporters to protest against Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas.

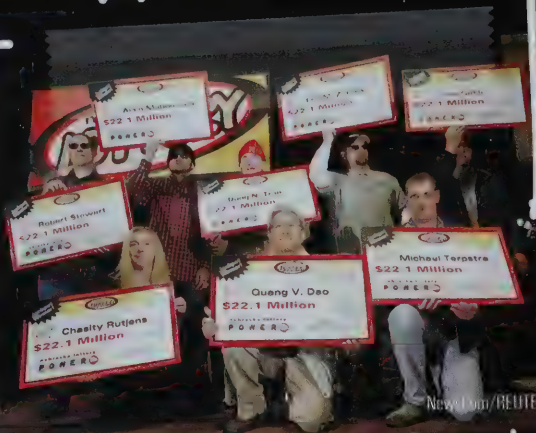
Israel completed a historic withdrawal of civilians from 25 settlements in Gaza and the West Bank.

Lawmakers approved a plan to rewrite the 1973 Endangered Species Act, the nation's most powerful environmental law.

Deaths of more than 5,000 Chinese miners per year caused a government safety crackdown that closed 5,290 coal mines.

Despite international pressure, Iran refused to halt nuclear production and threatened to begin a uranium enrichment program if the country was referred to the U.N. Security Council.

The New York Fire Department released unedited audiotapes from the September 11, 2001, World Trade Center response.



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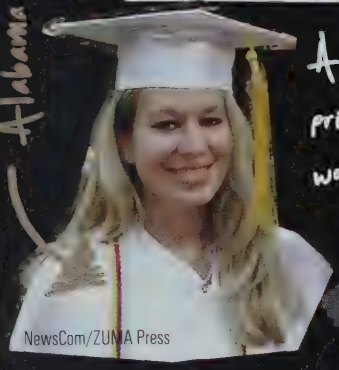
Alabama teen Natalee Holloway disappears while on a senior trip in Aruba.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A $365 million Powerball jackpot, the largest lottery prize in U.S. history, is won by eight meat processing workers from Nebraska.

The United Nations unveils the 'One Laptop per Child' initiative. Developed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, these computers are designed for use by schoolchildren in third world countries.

A Federal Air Marshal fatally shot Rigoberto Alpizar in the Miami airport after he claimed that he was carrying a bomb and fled from officials.

iTunes exceeds 1 billion downloads and Intel processors make the new MacBook and iMac up to four times faster.

Apple's video iPod and ABC partnership allows viewers to watch recorded tv shows, movies and music videos on the go.

An explosion at the Pasta de Conchos mine in Mexico traps 65 miners deep underground.

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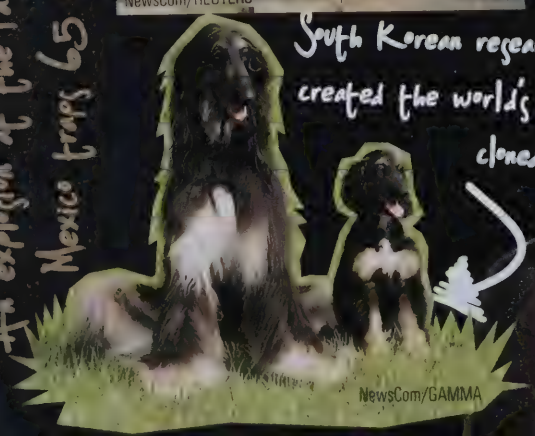
South Korean researchers created the world's first cloned dog.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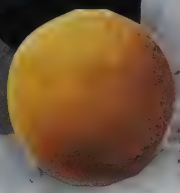
Imbedded journalist, ABC News anchor Bob Woodruff, and video journalist Doug Vogt receive serious head injuries in a roadside blast north of Baghdad. Following two days of treatment in Germany the pair were transported to the United State's National Naval Medical Center.

* Chicago officials launched a plan to make wireless broadband available throughout the entire 228-square-mile city.

A landslide in Guinsaugon, Philippines buries the entire town, including a schoolhouse of 246 students and a crowded municipal auditorium. The death toll stood at 129 with 938 missing in mud and rock that measured up to 100 feet deep.

In an effort to stimulate economic growth, President Bush signs a $286.4 billion transportation bill to improve U.S. road systems.

Mexico partners with the United States to raise the world's largest millimeter wave telescope, featuring a 165-foot antenna. The $120 million telescope was built high atop the 15,000-foot Sierra Negra volcano in Puebla, Mexico.



Verb Yellowball encourages kids to play outside together, then pass their ball to a new friend. Each ball's journey was tracked on-line.

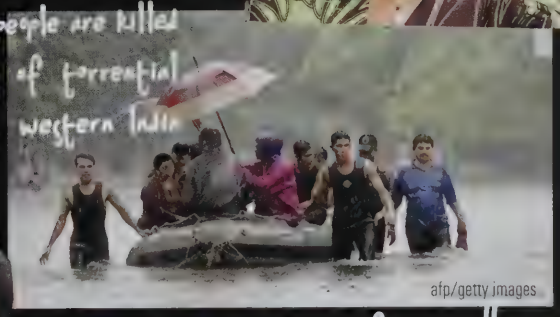
ChoicePoint Inc. pays a $15 million settlement in what is the largest civil data-security penalty in the Federal Trade Commission's history. It was discovered that ChoicePoint's warehouser sold 163,000 customers' information to an alleged crime ring.

In Britain's biggest robbery ever, professional thieves stole $92 million in British pounds from the Securitas security firm in southern England.

Liberia's new president, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, is Africa's first elected female head of state.

A federal judge ruled that Pennsylvania's Dover Area School Board members violated the Constitution when they included "intelligent design" in the school's biology curriculum.

More than 900 people are killed during six days of torrential rain that left western India under water.



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Conservationists found a two-million-acre "Lost World" in an isolated Papau New Guinea jungle. The expedition led to the discovery of several dozen new species of frogs, butterflies, flowers and birds as well as an abundance of animals that were near extinction in populated regions.

Sudoku sweeps the nation, puzzling players who try to evenly distribute the numerals 1-9 throughout a grid.

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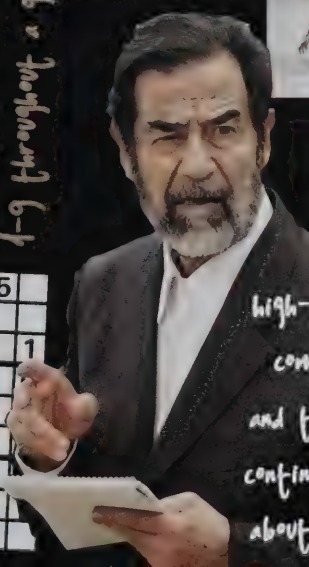

Former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and seven codefendants stand trial in Iraq for the 1982 murder of 140 men. The high-security trial saw witnesses testify under complete anonymity, two chief judge changes, and two defense lawyers assassinated. The trial continued amid multiple complaints from Hussein about the United States and the court system.

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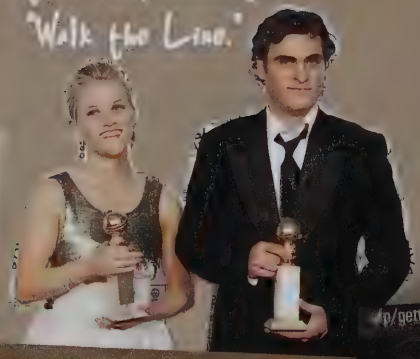
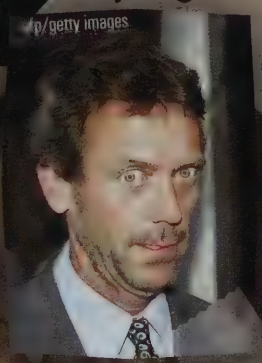
TV Favorites:

- Lost
- Grey's Anatomy
- Desperate Housewives
- America's Next Top Model
- Supernatural
- Extreme Makeover: Home Edition
- Dancing with the Stars
- CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
- The Apprentice
- Laguna Beach
- The Ghost Whisperer
- The OC

Reese Witherspoon and Joaquin Phoenix garner awards and accolades for their performances in "Walk the Line."



Hugh Laurie's performance on "House" earns him a Golden Globe Award.



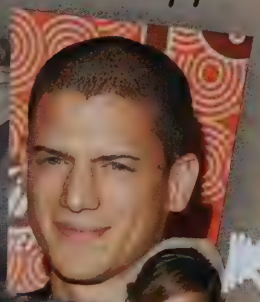
"Mr. and Mrs. Smith" co-stars Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie expect their first child.

"The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" earns more than $590 million worldwide.

"Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith" is the top box office hit, grossing more than $848 million worldwide.

Favorite Movies: · Hitch · Madagascar · Chicken Little · House of Wax · Cinderella Man · Brokeback Mountain

"War of the Worlds" actor Tom Cruise and "Batman Begins" star Katie Holmes are engaged.



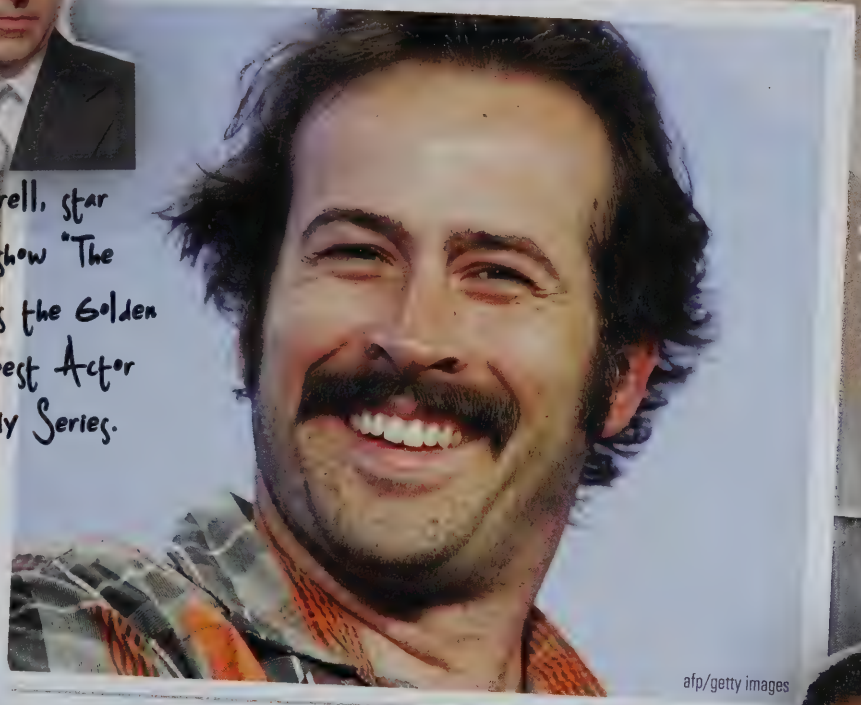
Wentworth Miller stars in this year's breakout drama "Prison Break."

Jessica Alba stars in "The Fantastic Four" and "Into the Blue."

"Napoleon Dynamite" wins four Teen Choice Awards and three MTV Movie Awards.

Paramount Pictures bought Dreamworks SKG for $1.6 billion. Steven Spielberg was one of the founders of Dreamworks.

Steve Carrell, star of the hit show "The Office," wins the Golden Globe for Best Actor in a Comedy Series.



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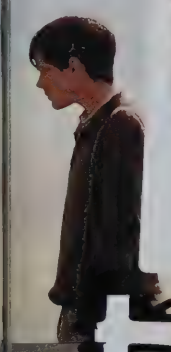
The Walt Disney Co. and Pixar Studios merged making Steve Jobs Disney's largest shareholder.

The world bids farewell to comedian Richard Pryor, Oscar-winning actress Anne Bancroft, "A Christmas Story's" Darren McGavin, Don Adams, Bob Denver, "The Karate Kid's" Pat Morita, Chris Penn, "The Munsters" Al Lewis, Don Knotts and Vincent Schiavelli.



The Golden Globes recognize "My Name is Earl," starring Jason Lee, as the Best New Show Comedy or Musical.

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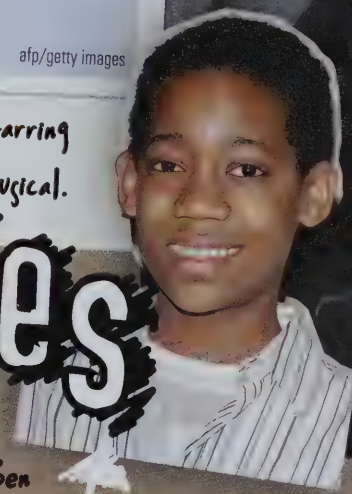

Peter Jackson remakes the 1933 classic "King Kong," starring Jack Black and Naomi Watts.

Weddings this year included Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner, Matt Damon and Luciana Bozan, Jesse James and Sandra Bullock and Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore.

Hit shows, "The West Wing," "Malcom in the Middle," "Atlas" and "That 70's Show" finish their runs.

Tyler James Williams stars in Sony's "Everybody Hates Chris," chronicling the childhood of Chris Rock.

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Terrence Howard receives an Oscar nod for his performance in "Hustle and Flow."

"The Notebook" stars and offscreen couple Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams collect six trophies at the Teen Choice Awards.

Jennifer Aniston stars in "Derailed," "Rumor Has It" and "The Break-up." Aniston was rumored to be dating "Break-up" co-star Vince Vaughn, who also starred in "Wedding Crashers."

MUSIC

Keith Urban wins Entertainer of the Year and Male Vocalist of the Year at the Country Music Awards. He also won a Grammy.

Actor and comedian Jamie Foxx releases his debut album "Unpredictable."

Other popular artists were Ciara, Coldplay, The Black Eyed Peas, Switchfoot, Ludacris, Weezer, Toby Keith, Rob Thomas and Eminem.

"Like We Never Loved at All" wins Faith Hill and Tim McGraw a Grammy for Best Country Collaboration with Vocals.

Mariah Carey releases "The Emancipation of Mimi," claiming her 17th No.1 hit with "Don't Forget About Us." Carey is tied with Elvis Presley in second place for the most No.1 hits.

Singer/songwriter Sheryl Crow had breast cancer surgery.

Radio personality Howard Stern moves his show to Sirius Satellite Radio.

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Former "American Idol" Kelly Clarkson wins Grammys for Best Female Vocal Performance for her song "Since U Been Gone" and Best Pop Vocal Album for "Breakaway."

U2 dominated the Grammys, winning five awards. "How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb" wins Album of the Year.

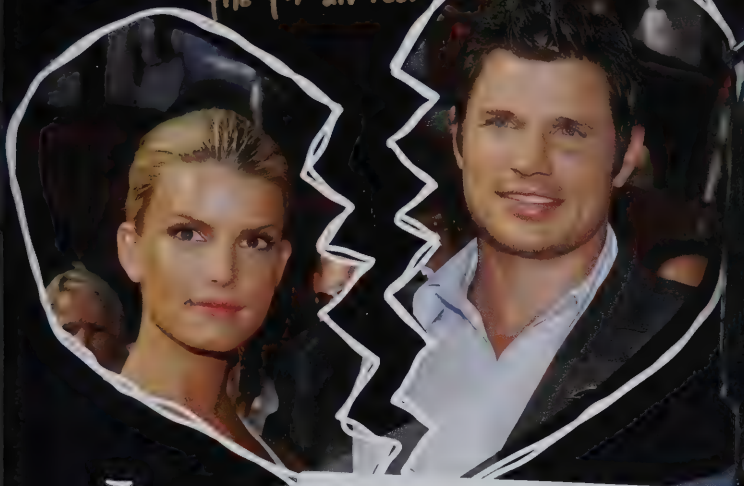
U2 front man Bono is named Time Magazine's Person of the Year along with Bill and Melinda Gates.

Fans mourned the losses of Luther Vandross, Lou Rawls, Four Tops bass singer Renaldo "Obie" Benson and "Mustang Sally" singer Wilson Pickett.

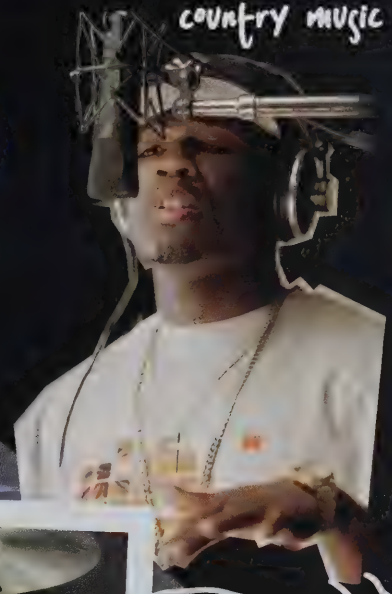
Kanye West's "Late Registration" wins a Grammy for Best Rap Album.

Alejandro Sanz wins Record of the Year for "Tu No Tienes Alma" at the Latin Grammy Awards.

After three years of marriage, "Newlyweds" Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey file for divorce.



Carrie Underwood is crowned American Idol 2005 and her album quickly climbs the country music charts.



Rapper 50 Cent wins six Billboard Music Awards including Album of the year for "The Massacre."

Daddy Yankee's album "Barrio Fino" is named Urban Album of the Year at the Latin Grammys.

Rock trio Green Day takes home six trophies from the Billboard Music Awards.

John Legend wins three Grammys for Best New Artist, R&B Album and Best Male R&B Vocal Performance.

Gorillaz is the second animated music group to win a Grammy. The first was Alvin and the Chipmunks in 1958.

Britney Spears had a baby boy, Sean Preston, with husband Kevin Federline.

Michael Jackson was acquitted of misconduct charges and relocated to Bahrain.

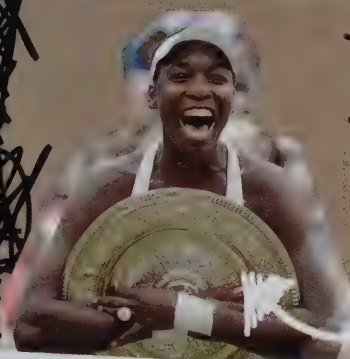
Giacomo, the 50-1 longshot ridden by Mike Smith, finishes first at the Kentucky Derby.

Tiger Woods wins his 9th and 10th career majors at The Masters and the British Open.

Sports

The Baylor Lady Bears dominate 84-62 over Michigan State in the NCAA Women's Basketball Championship finals.

Following a one-season lockout, the NHL and its players union reached a salary cap agreement.



Tennis star Venus Williams records her third Wimbledon title and fifth overall grand slam victory.

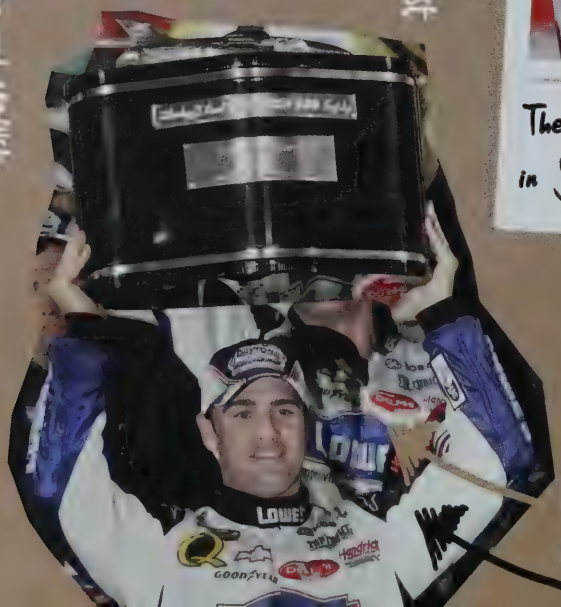
Terrell Owens is instituted by the Philadelphia Eagles due to his controversial sideline behavior and conduct.

In the same season that coach Phil Jackson returned to the Los Angeles Lakers, Kobe Bryant scored the second highest single-game total in NBA history with 81 points against the Toronto Raptors.

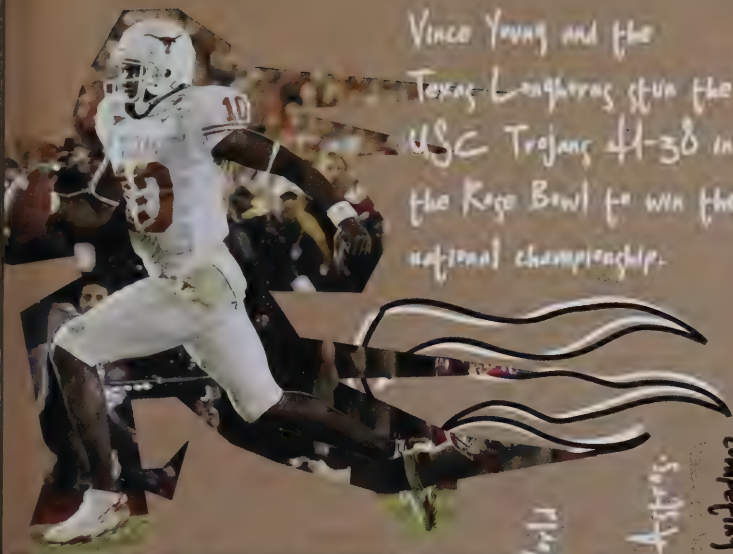
The Pittsburgh Steelers defeat the Seattle Seahawks 21-10 in Super Bowl XL. Game MVP was Hines Ward.

Women's golf saw Lorena Ochoa rise to the top of the women's golf rankings, while Annika Sorenstam left the game and retired.

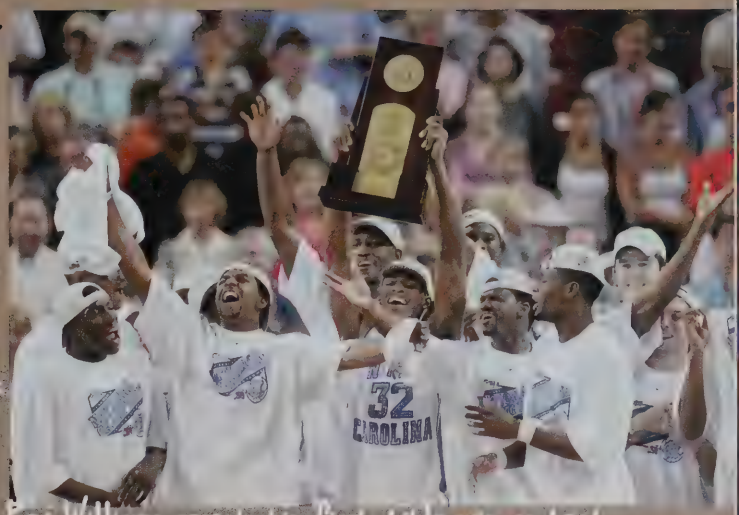
The world bid farewell to NBA legend George Mikan, MLB All-Star outfielder Pat Kelly, Atlanta Hawks Center Jason Collier, San Francisco 49er Thomas Herrion and legendary sportscaster Curt Gowdy.



Less than a week after illegal car modifications suspend crew chief Chad Knaus, Jimmie Johnson rallies to win the Daytona 500.

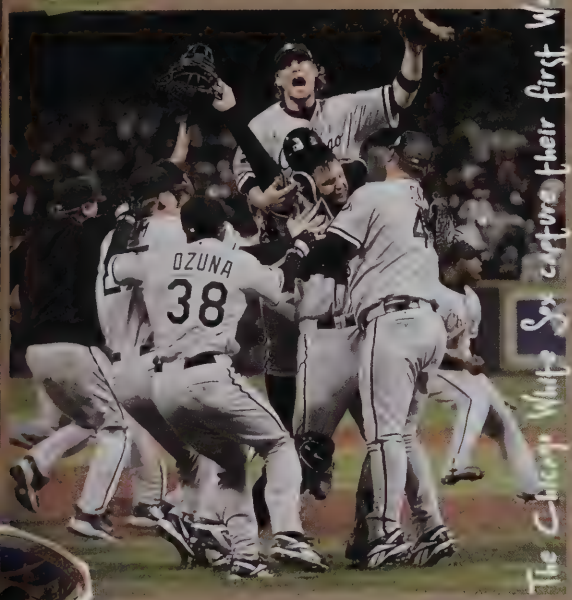


Vince Young and the Texas Longhorns stun the USC Trojans 41-38 in the Rose Bowl to win the national championship.



Roy Williams records his first title win as head coach when the North Carolina Tar Heels claim the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship.

Alaskan sophomore Michaela Hutchison became the first girl to win a state high school wrestling title while competing against boys.



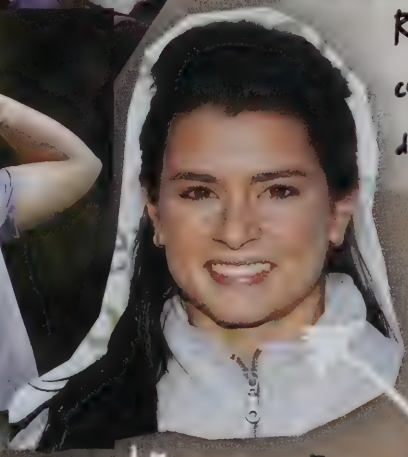
The Chicago White Sox capture their first World Series title since 1917. The Sox claimed the championship with a four-game sweep of the Astros.

Finals MVP Tim Duncan leads the San Antonio Spurs to their third NBA title since 1999.

Outfielder Johnny Damon left the Boston Red Sox and signed a four-year, $52 million contract with the New York Yankees.

Roger Federer wins his third consecutive Wimbledon title by defeating Andy Roddick.

In his final Tour de France, Lance Armstrong wins for the seventh consecutive year.



A landslide vote elected USC Trojan Reggie Bush the Heisman Trophy Winner.

Annika Sorenstam is named AP Female Athlete of the Year for the third straight year.

Danica Patrick, 23, leads 19 laps in the Indy 500, finishing fourth. Patrick was the first woman to achieve either milestone.

Silver medalist Danny Kass and gold medalist Shaun White dominate the Halfpipe Snowboarding event.

U.S. snowboarder Rosey Fletcher claims a surprise bronze in the Parallel Giant Slalom. Seth Wescott and Lindsey Jacobellis earn gold and silver respectively in the Snowboardcross event.

Ted Ligety edges Croatia's Ivica Kostelic by .053 seconds for the gold medal in combined slalom. Julia Mancuso skied her way to a Giant Slalom gold.

Germany led the total medal count with 29. The United States was second with 25 and Canada third with 24.

The U.S. men's team captures the country's first curling medal in a battle for the bronze versus Great Britain.

U.S. Shorttrack skating star Apolo Anton Ohno claims a gold medal in the 500m, a bronze in the 1,000m and a bronze in the 5,000m relay.

U.S. speedskater Shani Davis is the first African American to earn an individual gold medal in the Winter Olympics. Davis won gold in the 1,000m and silver in the 1,500m.

The Canadian Women's Hockey team defended its Olympic gold, beating Sweden 4-1. The U.S. women took the bronze.

American hero Joey Cheek donates his $25,000 gold and $15,000 silver medal bonuses to Right To Play, a charity that benefits children in Sudan.

Chad Hedrick skates to gold in the 5,000m, silver in the 10,000m and bronze in the 1,500m.

U.S. silver medalist Sasha Cohen is outshadowed by Sweden's Anna Lundström, Japan's first Olympic gold medal figure skater, and Russia's Irina Slutskaya who won the bronze.

Silver medalists Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto become the first U.S. ice dancers to medal in 30 years.